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Photo by Norm Shafer



Our World Is a Different World

The letter to the editor published in the summer 2011 magazine from my classmate, **Marilyn Washburn '64**, brought back a painful memory from my junior year at Mary Washington.

Our MWC chorus members were excited in the spring of 1963 because we were rehearsing for a joint concert with Williams College. MEN coming from Massachusetts to sing with us! The concert was canceled at the last minute when it was revealed that the Williams College chorus had two black members. There was no possibility of finding housing for these two men in Fredericksburg.

I was editor in chief of *The Bullet* at the time, so I intended to write an editorial about this outrage. I went to see President Simpson. I asked him why he couldn't house these two men at his own house. He told me that he, too, was saddened about the situation, but that he could not do what I suggested because his entire Board of Trustees would quit on him if he did that. So we had no concert.

It has been thrilling for me to read about the time of James Farmer teaching at Mary Washington. The words of Rep. John Lewis' commencement address [*Closing Column*, summer 2011] were inspiring. I am so grateful to know that students at today's Mary Washington are given such impressive role models. My hope for them is that they should never be exposed to the racial ugliness that our chorus members experienced.

Sincerely,
Susan Armistead Evangelou '64
 Coventry, Conn.

Well-Executed Career, Well Illustrated

I would like to thank *University of Mary Washington Magazine* for the very well-written profile of my career, which appeared in the *Class Notes* section of the summer 2011 edition. I found the summary of my career path very creative, especially the part about my not fetching coffee anymore.

As always, I enjoyed reading this edition, especially the "Top Ten" list. It brought back some nice memories. Sammy T's was one of my favorite restaurants, and who can forget Carl's?

Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Cassondra R. Thomas '92
 West Palm Beach, Fla.



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Mary Washington Memories Bittersweet

I was tickled to see the pictures of Monroe Fountain in the summer 2011 edition. It reminded me of the cold, snowy day in 1948 when my Virginia Hall roommates, **Emily Sarah "Sally" Bird '51** and **Shirley Cole Schleter '50**, and I decided to have a photo shoot in front of the fountain. Of course, we would have been in trouble if caught, since "Mrs. Bushnell's young ladies" were forbidden to show shorts or jeans on campus.

I think Sally stayed at Mary Washington only one year. Shirley and I roomed together sophomore, junior, and senior years. She died about five years ago.

Memories are fun but often sad.

Sincerely,
Carol J. Bailey Miller '50
Cumberland, Va.

ON CAMPUS



Top of the Ranks

University of Mary Washington alumni have always recognized their alma mater as one of the best. This year, the annual college rankings lists got it, too.

The *U.S. News & World Report's 2012 Best Colleges* guide ranked UMW sixth among public, Southern master's-granting institutions and 15th among all Southern schools in the same category. Similarly, *The Princeton Review* included UMW in the 2012 edition of its national wrap-up, *The Best 376 Colleges*.

Many of the rankings focused on the University's great value, with the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* 2012 calling UMW one of America's 49 "best buys" in public education – the only university in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, D.C., to make the list. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine named Mary Washington among the 100 best values in public colleges for 2011. UMW ranked 26th based on in-state tuition costs and 28th when comparing out-of-state tuition costs.

The accolades don't stop there. *Newsweek* and *The Daily Beast* named UMW to the top 25 on a list rating the best food on college and university campuses. Mary Washington came in at number 19, with a "best campus dining" score of 5.3 out of seven.



Sally Bird (left), Shirley Cole Schleter (center), and Carol Bailey Miller braved much more than the cold when they ventured outside in the February snow in shorts – they risked raising the ire of the notorious Dean of Women Nina Bushnell.

UMW Student Leadership Gets \$25K Grant

The Honor Code is at the heart of the University of Mary Washington's new Student Leadership Colloquium. Supported by a \$25,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation, the initiative aims to introduce students to the principles of leadership and social responsibility and to enhance critical-thinking skills. A special focus of the project will be increasing understanding and acceptance of the Honor Code and the ways in which the concepts behind it impact leadership.

AT&T Mid Atlantic President Michael Schweder presented the grant to President Richard V. Hurley in August as Mary Washington representatives and Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William Howell looked on. "I can assure you that honor is very much alive on the UMW campus," Hurley said.

The Student Leadership Colloquium is open to all students but aims to engage at least half of the under-represented population of the entering class of 2011. The program also will target first-year students and those at risk of failing to complete their degrees.



UMW Celebrates Hurley Inauguration

On the last day of September, University of Mary Washington students, staff, and faculty, along with community members, honored guests, and distinguished speakers, once again gathered in George Washington Hall's Dodd Auditorium to welcome a new leader. The scenario was familiar, but this inauguration – the long-awaited ceremony that would formalize Richard V. Hurley's title as UMW's ninth president – felt overwhelmingly different.

"When the Board of Visitors of the University of Mary Washington selected President Hurley, they selected the best leader possible for their academic institution," said Stefanos Gialamas, president of American Community

installation, the cornerstone of a celebration that would last until midnight and set the Mary Washington campus aglow with lights, laughter, and a lofty goal for the future.

The hour-and-a-half inaugural ceremony fell at the end of a week packed with events that illustrated the inaugural theme, "Engaging Minds. Serving the World." The Fredericksburg Forum unfolded at Dodd Auditorium, the Stafford Campus hosted multiple conferences, and students, who had participated in Thursday's service activity on Ball Circle, took their civic-minded endeavors "Into the Streets" during a Saturday benefit for the Fredericksburg community.

Excitement hung in the air inside Dodd as distinguished representatives from UMW and other colleges, universities, and learned societies – draped in full academic regalia and accompanied by the music of the UMW Faculty Brass Quintet – filed inside. Hurley's grand entrance was met with a flurry of waves, cheers, and camera flashes. He twice served as acting president, but

officially became president of UMW on July 1, 2010.

The event, presided over by UMW Board of Visitors Rector **Daniel K. Steen '84**, was peppered with applause and standing ovations.

Gialamas spoke, as did Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges President Belle S. Wheelan, who encouraged Hurley to focus on possibilities rather than uncertainties.

Virginia Secretary of Education Laura

W. Fornash delivered greetings on behalf of Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and said "Today is the day to celebrate this new chapter for this very special university."

UMW Alumni Association President **Derek M. Bottcher '96** assured Hurley of alumni support for his goal of making Mary Washington the best liberal arts and sciences university in the country. UMW Professor of English and Arrington Distinguished Chair in Poetry Claudia Emerson poignantly conveyed her endorsement through her reading of *Wind Scale*, a poem she wrote especially for the occasion. [Read the poem on page 11.]

Emerson turned to face Hurley before she began. "No one wishes you greater success than I," Emerson said.

Student Government Association President **Ashley C. Nixon '12** started her speech on a light note.

"An ancient philosopher said, 'Change is the only constant.' He must have been talking about Mary Washington," said Nixon, who thanked Hurley for helping build her confidence, for lunching with her regularly in the student dining hall, and for accepting the office of the presidency. "What makes that change manageable is strong leadership," she continued. "President Hurley offers strong leadership to the UMW community, and from the student perspective, creates an environment that allows for a more supportive, personal, and engaged student experience."

Vice Rector of the UMW Board and Eighth Judicial Circuit Judge **Pamela J. White '74** administered the oath of office. Steen and UMW Provost Jay A. Harper fastened around Hurley's neck the symbolic Presidential Collar, a gold-plated silver chain adorned with lapis lazuli. Hurley stepped to the podium.

"At the outset, let me express my



UMW President Richard V. Hurley

Schools of Athens, for which Hurley delivered the June commencement address in Greece. "Even though sometimes it takes a couple of efforts."

Gialamas' remarks produced ripples of laughter throughout the audience, but the University couldn't have been more earnest about embarking on a new era with a loved and respected leader who is committed to making UMW the best it can be. The crowd's collective affection for Hurley was palpable during the Friday afternoon



Clockwise from top: Richard V. Hurley shares a special moment on the dance floor with his "best friend," wife Rose, at the Sept. 30 inaugural ball held in honor of his installation as UMW's ninth president. Theater and dance students surprise Hurley with a performance during the afternoon inauguration ceremony at Dodd Auditorium. Art students used their talents to express affection and support for their new president. Carole Garmon, art professor and inaugural co-chair, strikes a pose with a member of the KanKouran West African Dance Company as the troupe of dancers and drummers leads the recessional from Dodd to Lee Hall terrace.



appreciation to the entire University community for the encouragement and support that you have given me during these past months," Hurley said, after acknowledging his family, and, most importantly, his wife of 42 years, Rose, whom he called his adviser and best friend. "We are grateful for this special affection and are proud to be part of the Mary Washington family."

Hurley spoke of his modest upbringing in a small New Jersey town, his blue-collar factory and construction jobs, his 14-month tour in Vietnam, and his prophetic stint as a gas station attendant on the New Jersey Turnpike, which led him to seek a better way of life by enrolling in college.

"When I speak of the transformative power of education, I'm not just *saying* the words, I'm *living* them," Hurley said. "Today is a day I will never forget and will long cherish."

He praised UMW's talented faculty and successful graduates, quoted

Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt, and reiterated his ambitious goal for the University.

"Mary Washington has the opportunity to achieve pre-eminent national stature as the best public liberal arts and sciences university in the nation," Hurley said. "Our challenge for the future is not so much to build something new as it is to preserve and enhance what we already have."

Then, theater and dance students in tie-dyed T-shirts and jeans surprised their president with a song and dance down the aisles to Katy Perry's *Firework*. **Barbara Craig Perry '91** and **Erin Taylor '14** led the crowd in the singing of the *Alma Mater*. The KanKouran West African Dance Company and their booming drums led a rhythmic recessional that gave way to a bustling outdoor reception on the Lee Hall terrace. There, under a clear September sky, guests ate hors d'oeuvres and enjoyed live music by a faculty and

alumni band.

The pomp and circumstance of the inaugural ceremony preceded the glitz and glamour of a nighttime ball, which was funded in full by donations and ticket sales. The Anderson Center's arena looked as though a fairy had waved its wand and transformed it into a ballroom that glittered and glowed as several hundred guests danced the night away.

As Hurley mentioned in his acceptance speech, it had been almost exactly a century since Mary Washington opened its doors in 1911. A decade had passed since he'd come to work at UMW as executive vice president and chief financial officer in 2001. And now with a president at the helm who embodies optimism and hard work, nearly everyone hoped the occasion would mark yet another Mary Washington milestone – the last inaugural celebration the University would throw for the foreseeable future.

- Lisa Chinn '92



Ernie Ackermann

Ackermann Wired for Community Service

In September, UMW recognized Professor of Computer Science Ernie Ackermann with the 2011 J. Christopher "Topher" Bill Outstanding Faculty Service Award, which recognizes dedication to the University and service to the Fredericksburg community. The University seized its last opportunity to bestow the honor on Ackermann; he plans to retire this summer.

Ackermann has led Mary Washington's effort to stay on top of technology since he arrived on campus in 1980, signing on as the school's first director of academic computing and leading its online presence. But his contributions reach well beyond campus, and his list of volunteer activities is so long it would be hard to name them all.

"I enjoy using whatever talents I can to help the community," Ackermann told *University of Mary Washington Magazine* last summer.

He is on the board of directors of Mental Health America of Fredericksburg and the Stafford Board of Zoning Appeals. He has served as technical consultant for the Central Rappahannock Regional Library and the Fredericksburg Area Chamber of Commerce, managed websites for various groups, and volunteered his services to a spectrum of professional organizations, including a five-year stint as president of the Mary Washington Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Ackermann has held an array of roles at UMW, including his posts as chair of the University Faculty Council and the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Teaching Center, as well as multiple academic departments.

An endowment that funds the service award was established in honor of the extraordinary contributions of the late Professor of Psychology Topher Bill, who taught at Mary Washington from 1972 to 2001.



Ben LaBreche

Professor Honored for Milton Essay

The Milton Society of America chose UMW Assistant Professor of English Ben LaBreche for its prestigious James Holly Hanford Award. His essay *Espousing Liberty: The Gender of Liberalism and the Politics of Miltonic Divorce* was one of two winners selected from articles published this year on John Milton, the 17th-century poet and author of *Paradise Lost*.

The Milton Society will present the awards at its meeting at the Modern Language Association convention in Seattle in January.

This year, LaBreche received a research grant from the Folger Institute and the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies and a UMW faculty development grant. His winning essay appeared in *English Literary History*, a quarterly journal of The Johns Hopkins University.

Promoting Peace Through Poetry

World Poetry Canada and World Poetry International presented **Alaha Ahrar '12** its World Poetry Youth Ambassador Medallion this summer. Because visa problems prevented the student from attending the award presentation in Canada, UMW held its own ceremony for Ahrar on Aug. 23.

A citizen of Afghanistan, Ahrar studies at Mary Washington through generous support from William and **Theresa Young Crawley '77** in the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women.

Eklil Hakimi, Afghan ambassador to the United States, was invited to the presentation, but he was summoned to Kabul that week. His wife, Sultana Hakimi, represented the Embassy of Afghanistan at the ceremony.

Both Sultana Hakimi and UMW President Richard V. Hurley presented the medallion to Ahrar, who read one of her poems to the group assembled in George Washington Hall. Like many of her poems, this one was about world peace.

Ahrar read it twice – once in her native language and once in English.



Visa issues precluded Afghan citizen Alaha Ahrar '12 from accepting the World Poetry Youth Ambassador Medallion at an official ceremony in Canada, so UMW held its own event in her honor.

Karen Pearlman

Pearce Named VP

Mary Washington's latest vice presidential selection is on the money: Richard R. Pearce has been named vice president for administration and finance.



Richard R. Pearce

Pearce, who had served in the position in an acting capacity since last year, also is treasurer of the Mary Washington Foundation, the nonprofit entity that manages and administers assets to benefit the University.

The vice presidential appointment formalizes his position as UMW chief financial officer. In that role, he directs facilities, capital projects, public safety, community services, human resources, and business operations.

Since he came to UMW in 1998, Pearce has served as assistant and associate vice president for business and finance. He also is treasurer of the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, president of the Fredericksburg Regional Boys and Girls Club, and a member of the Rappahannock Rotary Club.

"Rick is a consummate professional whose expertise, management skills, and in-depth knowledge are assets to the University," President Richard V. Hurley wrote in an August email to the UMW community. "I have every confidence in his oversight of UMW's financial well-being."

Board Welcomes Three Members

There are three new faces on the UMW Board of Visitors.

In July, the office of Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell appointed members **Joseph W. Grzeika '83** of King George County, Dorcas R. Hardy of Spotsylvania County, and Ben Judson Honaker Jr. of Fredericksburg. They will serve four-year terms that expire June 30, 2015. They succeed **Princess Renai Moss '83**, Russell H. Roberts, and **Nanalou West Sauder '56**.

Grzeika, a business consultant with Strategic Insight and president of Joetech LLC, is a former electronic warfare specialist for the U.S. Navy. He started Planning Consultants Inc. in 1985 and retired as president of the company in 2006. In 1992, Grzeika became a member of the King George Planning Commission. He is a member of the Rappahannock River Basin Commission and the George Washington Regional Commission, and he has served for more than a decade on the King George County Board of Supervisors. Grzeika also is on the board of directors for the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce military affairs council, the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, and the Rappahannock United Way.

Hardy is head of the government relations and policy firm DRHardy & Associates and chair and CEO of the Tucson, Ariz.-based rehabilitation technology firm Work Recovery Inc. She served as commissioner of the Social Security Administration in the late '80s, after then-President Ronald Reagan appointed her assistant secretary of Human Development Services. President George W. Bush appointed her chair of the policy committee for the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Hardy wrote *Social Insecurity: The Crisis in America's Social Security System* and hosted television programs *The Senior American* and *Financing Your Future*, which she also launched. She has a bachelor's degree from Connecticut College and an MBA from Pepperdine University, and has completed the executive program in health policy and financial management at Harvard University. Hardy chaired a task force promoting vocational rehabilitation for disabled veterans, and she serves on the Social Security Advisory Board.

Honaker is president of the commercial division of Silver Companies, a Fredericksburg-based real estate development company where he has worked for 20 years. He has been involved with ventures throughout the Washington, D.C., area and supervises various commercial projects. He oversees major corporate centers in Quantico, as well as Celebrate Virginia, a retail and entertainment hub under development in Fredericksburg that is billed as North America's largest retail resort. Honaker is a past chair of the Rappahannock United Way, the Fredericksburg Regional Boys and Girls Club, and the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center. He has served on the Fredericksburg Industrial Development Authority and is a recipient of the Jaycees Outstanding Young Virginian Award.



Joseph W. Grzeika '83



Dorcas R. Hardy



Jud Honaker



Belmont Banister a Top Ten Endangered Treasure

Fans of Belmont know that every inch of Gari Melchers Home and Studio is a treasure, but a group of preservationists wants to bring special attention to the curved wrought-iron railing that graces the front stairs of the historic home.

The Virginia Association of Museums selected the swirling banister on Belmont's east porch as one of Virginia's "Top Ten Endangered Artifacts."

Experts believe the rare, iconic railing with applied lead rosettes was forged around 1845. The architectural landmark displays outstanding craftsmanship and the use of what in the mid-1800s were emerging technologies.

Other entries included a revolving gun turret from the Civil War ironclad *USS Monitor*, the Library of Virginia's executive papers from the state governorship of Thomas Jefferson between 1779 and 1781, and a gown made for and worn by legendary vocalist and civil rights champion Marian Anderson.

Virginia's Top Ten Endangered Artifacts program was designed to create awareness of the importance of preserving artifacts in the care of museums, libraries, and archives throughout the Commonwealth. A project of the



The wrought-iron railing shown in this 1927 photograph by Francis Benjamin Johnston was forged in the mid-1800s and graced the front porch of Belmont when artist Gari Melchers and his wife, Corinne, took residence there in 1916. Today, it is a public treasure that's in need of preservation.

Virginia Collections Initiative and the Virginia Association of Museums, it is funded by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. Learn more at www.vatop10artifacts.org.

Gari Melchers Home and Studio, the former estate of the artist Gari Melchers and his wife Corinne, is operated by UMW. It is a Virginia Historic Landmark and a National Historic Landmark. Learn more at www.garimelchers.org.

UMW Artists Dove Into Service Project

During inauguration weekend this fall, UMW art students got an unusual canvas on which to showcase their work – a big white storage trailer. The artists turned their talents on the neighborhood eyesore and gave something beautiful to the community.

Five-time cancer survivor Sonja Jeanguenat-Gallahan called UMW's art department last summer. Could anyone there add some panache to the unsightly vehicle parked beside her aboveground pool, she asked. Art studio major **Lauren Horton '11** answered the call and soon set to work developing a plan to bring the beach to Jeanguenat-Gallahan.

Horton corralled a group of fellow students who were eager to contribute, and they headed to the woman's home in King George County, Va. Brandishing paint-dipped brushes, they transformed the trailer into a picture of tranquility, creating a beach-scene mural complete with palm trees, puffy clouds, and soothing sand and surf on one side



Robert A. Martin/The Free Lance-Star

Led by studio art major Lauren Horton '11, art students brought the beach to the King George County home of cancer survivor Sonja Jeanguenat-Gallahan by painting a tropical scene on a poolside eyesore.

and beach-related paraphernalia, tropical drinks, and a tiki bar on the others.

"It's all driven by enthusiasm to reach out to the community and use our talents for good and something besides ourselves," Horton told the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star*. " 'Community service' were the two words that got everyone going."

Horton wants to help other art students do service projects, she said, so she documented the planning that went into the trailer work. She would like UMW to require service as part of its art major.

Farnsworth to Open Media Studies Center

In January, Stephen Farnsworth will return to UMW to open the Center for Leadership and Media Studies. He'll also teach in the Department of Political Science and International Affairs, where he taught for 13 years before leaving in 2008.

A media and politics expert, Farnsworth plans to get the new center open quickly. Using research and political opinion surveys, the work of the center should help students better understand the role media plays in politics. Another goal of the venture is to create connections among undergraduates and alumni in government and political science careers.

Farnsworth is regularly quoted in major media outlets on political and communication topics. He has conducted research on elections, the mass media, the U.S. presidency, and public opinion. A veteran newspaper journalist, he is the author of *Spinner in Chief: How Presidents Sell Their Policies and Themselves and Political Support in a Frustrated America*. Farnsworth co-authored *The Nightly News Nightmare: Television's Coverage of U.S. Presidential Elections, 1988-2004* and *The Mediated Presidency: Television News and Presidential Governance*. His research has appeared in numerous scholarly journals.

This fall, Farnsworth served as the moderator for the Sept. 28 Fredericksburg Forum featuring Karl Rove, the Republican political strategist best known as President George W. Bush's top adviser.

Since 2008, Farnsworth has been an associate professor of communications at George Mason University in Fairfax. He holds a doctorate and a master's degree in government from Georgetown University, a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Missouri, and a bachelor's degree in government from Dartmouth College.

Braxton Garners Gold – Again!

Winning Olympic gold gets sweeter each time for Mary Washington worker Grace Anne Braxton.

The Eagle's Nest dining attendant snagged a gold medal in golf at this year's Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece. That award takes its place in what has become quite a collection for Braxton, who has long worked at UMW for Sodexo.

Since she began competing in Special Olympics at age 8, her wins have included the 2005 National Golf Championship in Ames, Iowa; the 2007 World Summer Games in Shanghai, China; and the 2010 USA National Games in Lincoln, Neb. She was featured on the cover of *Virginia Golfer Magazine* in 2006 and has putted her way to a plethora of sports-related honors.

Born with an intellectual disability, the Fredericksburg native found her footing in athletics. She also has competed in bowling, swimming, volleyball, skiing, and figure skating. She's often on the Fredericksburg Country Club golf course practicing her swing.

"I'm not going to stop," she told *The Free Lance-Star*. "I'm going to keep going."

GIS Student Zeroed in on Scholarship

Where on Earth is **Morgan Lamon '12**?

She's at the University of Mary Washington studying where on Earth everything else is. In other words, she studies GIS, geographic information science. And, Lamon's college cost just got a little lighter. She received a \$5,000 award from the U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) Scholarship Program.



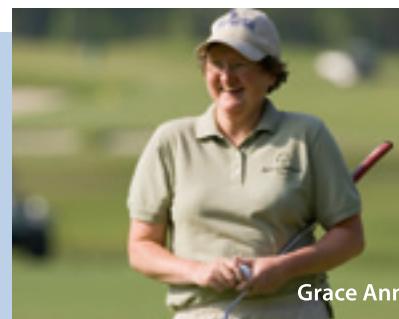
Morgan Lamon '12

"Our volunteer selection board was really impressed by the depth and breadth of our applicant pool this year," USGIF President Keith Masback wrote on the foundation website. "There are some remarkable young people studying in the [geospatial intelligence] field."

The "remarkable group" includes Lamon, a geography major who is working toward a GIS certificate. She's also displaying her talents on the softball field. This spring she was named to the 2011 All-Capital Athletic Conference Softball Team.

USGIF, a nonprofit educational foundation dedicated to promoting the geospatial intelligence field, awarded scholarships across the country this year to two high school students, 13 graduate students, and five undergraduates, including Lamon.

"Geospatial intelligence is a new way of looking at and analyzing the world and its problems," Lamon said. "Winning the scholarship was a huge achievement for me."



Grace Anne Braxton

Scott K. Brown



Best-Selling Biographer Joins *Great Lives*



Charles J. Shields

Charles J. Shields is practiced in the art of putting other people's experiences into words. The best-selling author and self-described "literary detective" will capitalize on that skill in his new role as associate director of the UMW *Great Lives* public lecture series.

Shields will work with *Great Lives* Director William B. Crawley Jr., distinguished professor emeritus of history and American studies, to pump up promotion of the annual spring-semester event. The series already enjoys a national reputation among biographers.

"There is no other program quite like it in the United States," Shields said. "My goal is to make the program visible to, and accessible by, a larger audience beyond the Fredericksburg region."

A *Great Lives* lecturer, Shields got a rousing ovation when he spoke about reclusive novelist Harper Lee last spring. He is the author of *The New York Times* best-selling biography *Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee*. Shields will lead the next series on Jan. 24, when he will speak on his recently released *And So It Goes: Kurt Vonnegut: A Life*. [Read more about Shields' *Kurt Vonnegut* in *Book Report* on page 34.] *The Chappell Lecture Series, Great Lives: Biographical Approaches to History* is endowed by a grant from John Chappell, the widower of **Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59**.

Kurt Vonnegut: A Life. [Read more about Shields' *Kurt Vonnegut* in *Book Report* on page 34.] *The Chappell Lecture Series, Great Lives: Biographical Approaches to History* is endowed by a grant from John Chappell, the widower of **Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59**.

Great Lives 2012

Jan. 24	Kurt Vonnegut , by Charles J. Shields: <i>And So It Goes</i>	March 13	Louisa May Alcott , by Harriet Reisen: <i>Louisa May Alcott</i>
Jan. 31	Lafayette , by Marc Leepson: <i>Lafayette</i>	March 15	Juliette Gordon Low , by Stacy A. Cordery: <i>Juliette Gordon Low</i>
Feb. 2	Noah Webster , by Joshua Kendall: <i>The Forgotten Founding Father</i>	March 27	Sherlock Holmes , by Jeremy Black
Feb. 7	Aaron Burr , by David O. Stewart: <i>American Emperor</i>	April 3	J.E.B. Stuart , by Emory M. Thomas: <i>Bold Dragoon</i>
Feb. 9	Christopher Columbus , by Laurence Bergreen: <i>The Four Voyages</i>	April 5	Marie Curie , by Lauren Redniss: <i>Radioactive: Marie & Pierre Curie</i>
Feb. 14	Richard and Mildred Loving , a panel discussion on the 1967 Supreme Court case on the legality of mixed-race marriage, by Peggy Loving Fortune, the Lovings' daughter; Bernard Cohen, former ACLU attorney for the Lovings; and Nancy Buirski, maker of the film <i>The Loving Story</i>	April 10	Madam C.J. Walker , by A'Lelia Bundles: <i>On Her Own Ground</i>
Feb. 16	Jackie Robinson , by Jonathan Eig: <i>Opening Day</i>	April 12	Wright Brothers , by James Tobin: <i>To Conquer the Air</i>
Feb. 23	Clarence Darrow , by John A. Farrell: <i>Attorney for the Damned</i>	April 17	Atatürk , by Nabil Al-Tikriti
		April 19	Anne Frank , by Sid Jacobson: <i>The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography</i>
		April 24	P.T. Barnum , by Neil Harris: <i>Humbug: The Art of P.T. Barnum</i>
		April 26	The Civil War Soldier , by James Robertson: <i>The Untold Civil War</i>

Psychology Grad Dissects Discrimination



Matthew Hunsinger '01

a career of it. As assistant professor of psychology at Mary Baldwin College, he studies the factors that influence the way people feel toward those of different races, ethnicities, genders, and sexual orientations.

His research brought him back to the University of Mary Washington this fall, where he was the guest of the Department of Psychology as its 2011 Graduate-in-Residence.

During the three-day visit, Hunsinger spoke to UMW psychology classes, met with students interested in pursuing careers in experimental social psychology, and gave a public lecture called *Paths to Improving Intergroup Relations: Decreasing Intergroup Bias in a Diverse World*.

He lives in Staunton, Va., where he teaches social cognition, cognitive psychology, conflict resolution, and learning and behavior. After receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology from Mary Washington, he earned a master's degree in cognitive science from Illinois State University and a doctorate in experimental social psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Besides studying the causes of stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination, Hunsinger enjoys hiking, yoga, dancing, working out, and playing drums.

Matthew Hunsinger '01

is so passionate about what causes stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination that he's made

Poet's Words Reach Widening Audience

There might not be a lot of literary firsts left for UMW Professor of English and Arrington Distinguished Chair in Poetry Claudia Emerson. She was named Virginia poet laureate in 2008, received the Donald Justice Award for poetry in 2009, was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship earlier this year, and recently was inducted into the prestigious Fellowship of Southern Writers.

And that's on top of the Pulitzer Prize she claimed in 2006 for her poetry collection *Late Wife*.

Early this fall, though, Emerson squeezed in a couple more premieres – her début appearance at the National Book Festival and publication in *The New Yorker*.

In late October, the magazine included Emerson's *Catfish*.

On a September Saturday at the book festival, from a stage on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Emerson discussed the journey that led to her life as a writer. She read from her works, which include *Pharaoh, Pharaoh; Pinion: An Elegy; Late Wife*; and her latest collection of poetry, *Figure Studies*. Her presentation at the event's National Endowment for the Arts' Poetry & Prose Pavilion followed those of fellow Pulitzer Prize winners Michael Cunningham, Rita Dove, and Jonathan Yardley.

Also in September, Emerson read *Wind Scale*, which she wrote for Richard V. Hurley for the occasion of his inauguration as president of the University of Mary Washington. It is printed below.

Wind Scale

By Claudia Emerson

The desire must first have been for idea,
then a line committed to it, a sketch,
sentence, paragraph – a theory, a proof,
until we have proven unable to help,
or, perhaps, defend ourselves from seeking
proof of proof, from determining the value
of the rubric itself, succumbing again
to the familiar despair of red ink.

In seeking some inarguable true north,
we might return to an older navigation,
and with it, another scale: one for measuring
the wind – invisible, named, unnamed,
the ever changing *dead calm*, the *tempest*
changeless – assurance that any passage
must be a wind-tense sculpture of sails, sheets
and shrouds, the guidelines taut, willful part
of their form. To *sail fine* still means to sail
as close to the wind as possible,
ability that comes not just in the practice,
but in the joy of it – measured motion,
open water a finer arrival, the feel
of the lines as it passes the surest hand.



Monroe Gets Makeover; Murals Remain

After two years of renovations, Monroe Hall reopened with the fall 2011 semester and was rededicated with celebration and ceremony Sept. 16.

The rededication came almost 100 years after Monroe, Mary Washington's first academic building, opened its doors to students, said William B. Crawley Jr., distinguished professor emeritus of history and American studies.

"Commemorating the reopening of Monroe could hardly come at a more appropriate time historically," said Crawley, who is also the University Historian. He has had an office in Monroe Hall for more than 40 years, and this is the second time he's seen the building renovated.

That sunny September afternoon, a crowd gathered in front of the building's familiar columns and façade for an outdoor ceremony. The Board of Visitors was on hand for the official ribbon cutting. President Richard V. Hurley, Rector of the Board **Dan Steen '84**, and Provost Jay Harper spoke, as did Crawley and **Jeffrey W. McClurken '94**, associate professor and chair of the Department of History and

American Studies.

McClurken, who spent many of his undergraduate days in Monroe, thanked those who had made the renovation happen. Some things in the building remain unchanged, such as paintings done in the 1940s by students and Professor of Art Emil Schnellock, even as advances show up all around.

"The murals in the main hallway surround students working on

Theresa "Terrie" Young Crawley '77 honored husband William B. Crawley Jr. by establishing a UMW research endowment in his honor. A Monroe Hall seminar room is also named for Professor Crawley.

laptops or smartphones or iPads," McClurken said.

The renovated building is wired for technology. Monroe Hall has a digital media lab, a GIS and cartography lab, and a pollen-analysis lab that will help students reconstruct past environments to study climate change. There are more student spaces, he said, and they are wired and furnished for comfortable hi-tech collaboration. The first-floor auditorium has been updated and a light-filled 80-person lecture hall has been added on the third floor.

Karen Pearlman



Norm Shafer

Monroe Hall, the first academic building on campus, reopened for the fall semester after extensive renovation.

Monroe Hall architects added a fourth floor where the Department of Sociology and Anthropology is based. It has skylights, new offices, and a new library. Other departments in the building include history and American studies, political science and international affairs, and geography.

The day before the rededication, McClurken had spoken for the Department of History and American Studies at another celebration. He accepted the gift of the William B. Crawley Jr. Endowment for Student Research and the associated seminar room of the same name.

McClurken thanked Crawley for his service and generosity, and he also thanked **Theresa "Terrie" Young Crawley '77**, Crawley's wife, for her many gifts to UMW and for establishing the endowment to honor her husband's retirement from the faculty and his long and rich service to Mary Washington.

Longtime colleagues, many of whom are retired; former and current students; and friends of the Crawleys gathered inside Monroe Hall Sept. 15 to dedicate the seminar room.

During his career, Crawley created many student seminars that were forerunners to those now offered to every UMW freshman, said McClurken, who has fond memories of Crawley's class History of the American South.

"Small classes taught in small classrooms match well Bill's teaching style, in which one is put at ease personally while at the same time thoughtful engagement, careful analysis, and academic rigor are expected," McClurken said. "It is, in other words, truly fitting for this room in this historic building to be named in his honor."

For his part, Crawley had praise and thanks to the University and all it gave him over the years – the opportunity to develop the Historic Preservation Program and the *Great Lives Lecture Series*; "wonderful" colleagues, special among them his dear friend Otho Campbell, associate professor emeritus of history, who was at the ceremony; and family beyond measure.

"In terms of the debt I owe to Mary Washington," Crawley said, "the most important by far is that it enabled me to meet Terrie."

Fulbright Winner Means Business in Tunisia

More than 4,500 miles lie between Fredericksburg, Va., and El Mourouj, Tunisia, where a Fulbright Specialist Grant allowed Mukesh Srivastava to spend a month this fall. The first faculty member of the UMW College of Business to receive a prestigious Fulbright award, Srivastava hopes his work there will help bridge the distance between the U.S. and the country on Africa's northernmost tip.

This grant "will expand the global reach of UMW through the development of student and faculty exchanges and research collaborations with Tunis Business School [TBS]," said Srivastava, who worked with TBS faculty in October to develop and implement the school's graduate program in management and information technology.

Part of Tunis University, TBS is Tunisia's first English-language business school.

Srivastava, who is associate professor of management information systems and associate dean of the UMW

College of Business, is one of more than 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel this year through the Fulbright Specialists Program, created to complement the traditional Fulbright Scholars Program.

"This grant gives us the opportunity to share expertise developed in graduate programs at Mary Washington," said Srivastava, "and to learn more about how other international universities are engaging their business schools."

The Fulbright Program, an international exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and overseen by the U.S. Department of State, is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and the people of other countries.



Mukesh Srivastava

Braymer Wins Metzger Award

The woman responsible for growing the popular Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women received its highest honor in November. Meta Braymer, vice president for economic development and regional engagement, received the Patricia Lacey Metzger Distinguished Achievement Award during the sold-out 18th annual Leadership Colloquium. The award recognizes not only Braymer's 30 years of exemplary work in higher education, but also her extensive involvement in business and community organizations.

The late Patricia Metzger, a UMW professor and founder of the colloquium, was a friend and colleague of Braymer. Given annually, the award recognizes individuals who uphold high standards in their personal and professional lives while fulfilling career goals of significant stature.

Braymer has held various positions at Mary Washington, including dean of the faculty and vice president for graduate and professional studies. She oversaw the planning, design, construction, and budget of the Stafford campus and was instrumental in the development of the Dahlgren campus. Braymer is a member of the UMW Presidential Council on Sustainability and the Executive-in-Residence Program.

The University gave her its highest honor in 2003, the Washington Medallion for service to UMW.

Braymer is involved with the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Stafford Rotary Club. She is a founding member of Women Executives in Virginia Higher Education and Virginia Engage.



Meta Braymer



Freshman Blogs for Seventeen

For **Berkley Schmidt '15**, the transition to college life has been more public than that of most freshmen. Schmidt is broadcasting the details of her year to a national audience through her blog on Seventeen.com.

As one of *Seventeen Magazine's* "Freshman 15," Schmidt chronicles her first-year experience with once-a-week posts about everything from "what to bring to college" to "how to survive a hurricane."

Schmidt described to the world her first week as part of the UMW Class of 2015:

The second day here, as we were walking to convocation dressed in our formal attire, a storm fired away on the little town of Fredericksburg. Luckily we had just reached the covered walk when the skies opened up, but the real fun began as we reached the library. Sirens blasted as faculty and Orientation Leaders rushed us inside. We were in a tornado warning! We just had another aftershock from the earthquake that same morning and we were already in our next natural disaster.



UMW's Berkley Schmidt blogs about weather, wardrobes, and what to do to combat homesickness as one of *Seventeen Magazine's* Freshman 15, who are chronicling their first-year college experiences.

Disasters aside, the would-be biology major is excited about her career at Mary Washington.

"I fell in love with the campus," the Richmond, Va., native said. "People here have this energy about them that is very homelike and welcoming."

Seventeen Magazine chose Schmidt from more than 2,000 applicants across the U.S. to be one of the 15 bloggers on Seventeen.com. The bloggers' work also appeared in the magazine's November 2011 edition.

Read Schmidt's blog at www.seventeen.com/college/freshman-15.



James DeLoatch

Easy as One T3

UMW police officers have a new ride.

Though they weren't sure what to expect when the T3 Series electric standup vehicle (ESV) arrived this summer, the groundbreaking gadget has made campus police more approachable. And that is just what President Richard V. Hurley hoped for when he requested that the force adopt the Segway-like vehicle.

"When we have it out, it attracts a lot of attention," said Police Department Business Manager James DeLoatch. "It's a good conversation piece, and [the officers] really enjoy operating it."

With three wheels and a low center of gravity, the T3 is more stable than the Segway. It's taken some tinkering to get it down to speed for campus use. The low-noise, zero-gas emission ESVs max out at 20 miles per hour, but UMW's model is set at half that for safety reasons.

"It's really cool to ride, but we don't want to see anybody flying down Campus Walk," DeLoatch said. The battery-operated machines are not approved for on-street use.

T3s are just starting to catch on as a way of patrolling Virginia campuses, he said, so UMW will probably purchase

UMW police officers have a new electric standup vehicle on which to patrol campus. With three wheels, it is more stable than the popular Segway.

more in the future. For now, though, UMW's one ESV is turning plenty of heads.

And that's a good thing, "especially during an event like Discovery Days, when we have a lot of parents and prospective students on campus," DeLoatch said. "It's great for them to see something different."



Weather Whammy Welcomes UMW Freshmen

As if the first week of college can't be hair-raising enough for freshmen, Mother Nature slung some serious surprises at hundreds of new students who converged on the University of Mary Washington in August. A magnitude-5.8 earthquake; a dangerous, havoc-wreaking thunderstorm; and a category-3 hurricane came not so neatly wrapped inside a span of just five days.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, the quake, with an epicenter just southwest of Fredericksburg, caused campus buildings to be evacuated and the University to close early. On Thursday, Aug. 25, just one day after freshmen moved in, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell issued a state of emergency under threats of a severe thunderstorm that shut down power on the Fredericksburg campus, merited a University-wide student alert, and postponed the Honor Convocation scheduled for that evening. Two days later, Hurricane Irene swept in from the Atlantic, releasing a fury that delivered more than 4 inches of rain and 40-mph

winds; the very first day of classes was canceled.

In the end, the whirlwind of natural events meant an extraordinary level of bonding among the new and diverse group of students.

Of the 982 people in the 2011 UMW freshman class, 145 are from 22 states outside of Virginia; they come from New York, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Maine, New Hampshire, Texas, and Colorado.

Twenty-two percent identify themselves as Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska native, black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or Asian.

Members of the freshman class performed well on SATs, with the middle 50 percent scoring between 540 and 630 in critical reading, 510 and 600 in math, and 530 and 610 in writing. The middle 50 percent scored between 23 and 26 on the ACT and graduated from high school with a grade-point average between 3.28 and 3.84.



Above: Nearly 1,400 students, orientation aides, and others gathered to learn what it means to be a UMW Eagle. At left (clockwise from top left): First-years arrive; a mom rocks the school spirit; freshmen learn the *Alma Mater*; students give high-fives all around during orientation; and President Hurley and the Eagle join a flash mob dancing to *Fly Like an Eagle*. (Photos by Norm Shafer.)



UMW Athletics Cheer Special Olympians

More than 350 UMW student-athletes lined the course and cheered for runners in the Run with the Law 5K and Special Olympics Fun Run Oct. 22. The UMW athletic department and the Fredericksburg City Police co-hosted the event, which raised more than \$5,000 for Special Olympics Virginia.

Compliments, ovations, and smiles made the runners feel "extra special," said Carrie Dyer, Special Olympics Virginia director of development. Several Mary Washington students accompanied some of the 75 Special Olympians throughout the race.

"I was truly blown away by the support of the UMW athletes," Dyer said.

After a 5K run, President Richard V. Hurley welcomed everyone to campus. The final event was the Fun Run, which began at the William M. Anderson Center, stretched to the bell tower, and doubled back. UMW athletes sporting special event T-shirts lined the course and showed their support.

UMW men's basketball coach Rod Wood, who helped organize the event, hopes it will become a campus tradition. He's happy that the run raised funds for Special Olympics, he said, but there were greater benefits from the race.

"That pales in comparison to the reward our athletes, coaches, and UMW community received from the special friends we met, encouraged, and shared with on Saturday. This will be a lifelong memory for all of us," Wood said. "It really puts in perspective what we do and what we, as a community, *can* do. We changed lives this weekend – mostly ours."



UMW athletes got behind competitors in the Special Olympics Fun Run on Campus Walk in October. Not only did the UMW students boost the spirits of the athletes, they made new friends and helped send more than \$5,000 to Special Olympics Virginia.

Five Inducted Into Athletic Hall of Fame

By Clint Often

The University of Mary Washington Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed five members at its 16th annual induction in October. The class includes longtime men's soccer and men's tennis coach Roy Gordon, six-time track and field All-American **Yurissa Mitchell '00**, three-time tennis All-American **Lea Schon '01**, two-sport All-American **Stefanie Teter '96**, and baseball All-American **Jin Wong '97**.

Gordon, who recently retired after 34 years with the University, was one of the most successful NCAA soccer coaches, winning 432 games. UMW's first coach in men's soccer and tennis, he was an eight-time CAC Coach of the Year in soccer and a five-time NSCAA Regional Coach of the Year. In addition to leading UMW to nine NCAA Division III tournaments, he led the men's tennis team to five CAC championships and its first NCAA tournament in 1997.

Mitchell gained six All-America honors, earning status for both indoor and outdoor track and field in her sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. She still holds school records in the triple jump, for which she twice finished second in the nation, and as a member of the 400-meter relay. In addition to her two second-place NCAA Championships finishes, she took third, fifth, sixth, and eighth places, making her one of the school's most decorated athletes.

Schon, UMW's most decorated women's tennis player, gained All-America honors three years and became the only four-time Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year in any sport. She played in four NCAA individual singles tournaments and is the only UMW player to make the ITA Small College National Championships finals. The University's top singles and doubles player four years running, she is among the five best players in school history, with 70 career wins in singles and 56 in doubles.

One of UMW's all-time most versatile athletes, Teter gained All-America status in soccer and basketball. In soccer, she was a three-time CAC Player of the Year, a second team All-American in 1994, and among the program's top 10 scorers, with 101 career points on 34 goals and 33 assists. In basketball, she was a two-time All-CAC selection and gained an All-America honorable mention in 1996. She held four season and career records when she graduated, scoring 1,017 career points and becoming one of just three Division III players at that time to surpass 1,000 career points and 600 assists. As a senior, she led the nation in assists.

Wong became UMW's second baseball All-American in 1996, after stealing a school record 37 bases and hitting .425. He also holds a school record for stealing six bases in a

single game, and he posted a .378 career average with 102 hits, 91 runs scored, and 52 RBI. He helped lead the Eagles in the 1997 NCAA Division III baseball tournament. Since then, has become a key figure for the Kansas City Royals, where he is director of baseball administration. Wong's previous positions with the Royals include manager of scouting operations and director of baseball operations. The UMW Alumni Association named him an Outstanding Young Alumnus for 2011.





Sany Nhem (left) escaped Cambodia's brutal Khmer Rouge regime in 1979 with her husband and eight children. She hadn't returned to her homeland until her granddaughter, Fulbright Scholar Farrah Tek '10, accompanied her last year. The Fulbright grant supported a year in Cambodia for the U.S.-born Tek. She participated in an international tribunal to bring justice to victims such as her mother, grandmother, aunts, and uncles.

Photo by Reza Marvashti

Pursuit of Justice

Childhood Tales of the Killing Fields
Cultivate Passion for Human Rights

| By Kristin Davis

Sophi Monh spent four years of her youth away from her family home in a child labor camp hundreds of miles from the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh.

Monh was just 8 years old in 1975 when the infamous Khmer Rouge regime began its campaign that left a quarter of the country's population dead. She worked from dawn to dusk, subsisting on one meal a day.

These are the stories Monh told her American-born daughter, **Farrah Tek '10**, when she insisted her daughter take nothing for granted, that she seize each opportunity and work hard in school.

Monh spoke no English when she immigrated to

the United States as a teenager in 1981. She did not finish high school.

Tek, deeply affected by her mother's stories, set her sights on college and beyond. She majored in English and human rights at the University of Mary Washington and went on to earn a 2010 Fulbright

Scholarship to return to her family's native country. She took her Cambodian grandmother – Monh's mother – with her.

Thirty years had passed since the fall of the Khmer Rouge, but its aging leaders had only recently begun to stand trial before an international tribunal known as the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, or ECCC.



Sany Nhem (in skirt) and five of her children in 1983, after they came to the U.S. The family had survived forced labor, starvation rations, and the genocide that killed nearly one-quarter of the Cambodian people. Sophi Monh, who is just to the right of her mother, was only 8 years old when the Khmer Rouge took power.

Tek wanted to be a part of what she believed presented an extraordinary healing opportunity for those who had suffered her mother's fate, and far worse.

By age 10, Tek wanted to know more about the Khmer Rouge than what she gleaned from her family's fragmented anecdotes. She turned to the Internet and library bookshelves.

What Tek discovered matured her. "While my peers anxiously waited for the next Harry Potter book, I researched the historical and political context leading up to the Cambodian genocide," she wrote in her Fulbright application.

Though estimates vary, according to the United Nations at least 1.7 million people died in the Southeast Asian country between April 1975 and January 1979 from executions, starvation, exhaustion, forced labor, lack of medical care, or torture.

The regime that separated Monh from her mother had scattered families, conscripted children barely old enough to walk, and murdered intellectuals. People fell and died on days-long forced marches from the city to the countryside without so much as a jug of water to sustain them.

After four years, the Khmer Rouge fell. Monh, her parents, and her seven siblings – all of whom survived – escaped to refugee camps in Thailand and emigrated to the United States, settling in the suburbs of Washington, D.C.

Tek was born in 1988, and she grew up in Arlington, Va. A high school English teacher introduced her to Mary Washington and guided her through the college application process.

The seeds sown by Monh and tended by Tek sprouted, and blossomed, at UMW.

During her freshman year, she joined the University's nationally ranked policy debate team.

Timothy O'Donnell, debate director and associate professor of communication, said Tek established herself early as dedicated, hardworking, and passionate. She could



Tek's grandparents, their children, son-in-law, and a grandchild pose in a bamboo and thatch shelter at Khao-I-Dang refugee camp, just over the Cambodian border in Thailand. On seeing this photo taken after the family escaped from Cambodia, Tek noted that all were thin, but especially her grandmother (front, right). Tek's mother, Sophi Monh, stands just behind the grandmother.

debate U.S. energy policy as well as human rights issues. But the latter stood out.

"It's fair to say Farrah was most interested in issues dealing with human rights on an international scale," O'Donnell said.

Tek loved the research that went into preparations for tournaments. And the rush of adrenaline that followed. "It's like riding a roller coaster," she said. And on the debate team, an insecurity that had plagued Tek since childhood – her rapid-fire speech – was suddenly an asset.

Tek enrolled in her first human rights class that same year and met the man who would become her mentor: Gregory Stanton, then the UMW James Farmer professor of Human Rights.

Stanton had lived in Cambodia in the early 1980s. The professor and the student quickly connected, Tek said. She enrolled in a second class taught by Stanton, and then a third.

"I took all of his classes and then some," she said. Like other Mary Washington professors, and like Tek's mother, Stanton taught lessons rooted in personal experience.

"Mary Washington has a superb and very rich group of academic professors," Tek said. "I was always pushed to do better, even if I got an A on a paper. It's not so classroom-based. It pushes you to pursue things outside of grades. You

felt like you were learning outside of the classroom, outside of a textbook."

In Stanton, she said, "I had someone who could show me the way. I wasn't as lost." She learned life doesn't have to be so one-dimensional. "You can take many paths in life."

During her senior year at UMW, Tek studied abroad at Richmond, the International University in London, and interned in the English capital for an organization called Minority Rights Group International. Her policy debate research aided her there. It paved the way for her role as a research intern who specialized in East Asian minority issues, Tek wrote in her Fulbright application.

Still, she wrote, "I hungered for more direct involvement in the real, global struggle for human rights."

Studying on Fulbright Scholarships is gaining popularity at UMW. Of the eight Mary Washington students who have received the grants, six have earned them in the past four years. This is due in part to the efforts of UMW Fulbright Campus Adviser Nabil Al-Tikriti, associate professor of history and American studies, and the Fulbright Campus Evaluation Committee, which

That's where the Fulbright came in.

"I thought it was unattainable," Tek said.

Then a friend attended a Fulbright information session and brought back an application. Tek contacted Stanton, who had once won the coveted grant. He helped her craft a research proposal.

Tek got the Fulbright.

With the backing of the international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government, Tek would spend a year working in outreach programs of the ECCC's victims unit. The ECCC "recognizes the role of victims more than any other international criminal court in history," Tek wrote in the proposal.

Further, "the ECCC is not just a court. It is part of a

includes Al-Tikriti; Rosemary Jasionowski, assistant professor of art and art history; and Jessica Locke, assistant professor of modern foreign languages.

The Fulbright Program, started in 1946, is an international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Fulbright Scholar Studies Children of Chernobyl



Michele Alexander '11

When **Michele Alexander '11** was a teenager, a child from near the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant lived with her family for the summer. The next year another came, and the next another.

The world's worst nuclear power accident happened at Chernobyl in 1986 spewing radioactive contaminants over Ukraine, Belarus, Russia,

and beyond. The family guests, who traveled thanks to the program Children of Chernobyl, made Alexander want to help the many youngsters who bore scars of the disaster. This September, with the help of a Fulbright Scholarship, she visited Eastern Europe to do just that.

A political science major with a concentration in Middle Eastern studies, Alexander will spend a year in Ukraine researching the medical needs of affected children. She'll also study Ukrainian government policies and those of other organizations that provide assistance.

Alexander will collaborate with professors to conduct research on children who suffer from symptoms caused by contaminated soil and water. Among the effects on

youngsters are an unusually high rate of thyroid cancer, malnutrition, compromised immunity, and other maladies.

"I hope to determine what the affected children need and how to address it so they can lead healthy, normal lives," said Alexander, who also has a minor in economics.

After completing university courses in Ukraine, she plans to study international health policy in graduate school and embark on a related career.

Read Alexander's blog from Ukraine at malexand89.umwblogs.org.

—The editors



A recent photo of Chernobyl Reactor 4, which exploded in April 1986, spewing radioactive contamination across the then-Soviet Union and Europe.

process of coming to terms with Cambodia's past, both personally and historically."

Tek rose at 6 a.m. to catch a United Nations bus that took her to the tribunal, where she worked on an outreach team that explained to victims of the Khmer Rouge their legal rights. She helped those who applied as civil parties against the regime through a complicated process that required highly specific documentation.

Victim participation "is something very new," Tek said. "Imagine if all the millions of Jewish people were able to sue Hitler."

Tek's work in the southeast Asian country gave her something all her research and even her mother's, grandmother's, and aunts' own stories had not: a full perspective of the Cambodian genocide.

Tek's parents had not returned to their native country since they left 30 years ago. Nor had her grandmother, Sany Nhem, until she accompanied Tek last year. Nhem had lost so much under the Khmer Rouge: her home, the properties she had accumulated as a real estate investor, family and friends.

Now the 81-year old wanted to introduce her granddaughter to her relatives in Cambodia. She wanted them to look after Tek.

Nhem had watched the tribunals on Cambodian



Last October, when Tek and her grandmother traveled together to Cambodia, they connected with relatives such as these proud cousins in Siem Reap.

television, beamed into the large Bristow, Va., home where three generations of the family live: Nhem; Tek; and Nhem's daughter, Sophal Monh Cheang, and Cheang's husband and children.

Nhem never imagined – 30 years ago or three – that her granddaughter would seek some measure of justice on behalf of Cambodians, she said through a translator.

If a new place can feel like home, Cambodia did.

Tek visited relatives she had known only through long-distance telephone calls. She watched as her grandmother reconnected with family she had not seen in decades, watched as Nhem's eyes filled with tears as she looked on what remained of the house she had built as a young woman. All that was left were the pillars of the gates.

In that moment, Tek saw her grandmother as a young woman who had endured impossible loss. "I felt her pain."

That, Tek said, overpowered her own experience in Cambodia.

Later, Tek traveled to the child labor site where her mother had helped build a dam, forced labor that nearly killed her. Now it is a tourist attraction, she said, "not for the history of the place, but ironically, for the scenery of the place."

She wondered if the merchants there knew people had died building it.

"It was difficult and still is difficult for me to compose my feelings about what had happened during the Khmer Rouge era," Tek said.

The ECCC victims support unit provided an antidote for her anger, she said. Tek would channel her energy into efforts that helped those who suffered from such atrocities – and perhaps would help prevent them in the future.

Soon after her return from Cambodia, Tek stopped at O'Donnell's UMW office. They talked about her next step.

Tek has set her sights on graduate school. For now, she works part time at Genocide Watch.

"I think she will be an important player in the fight for human rights," O'Donnell said. "I'm proud of what she's done. I'm even more proud of what she will do." ☀

UMW Ups Its Game With New Arena

| By Neva Trenis



Go Eagles! At 52,000 square feet and with room for 3,000 fans, the multiuse William M. Anderson Center takes Mary Washington athletics to the big leagues of playing venues.

Photos by Norm Shafer

In 1976, when Ed Hegmann first came to Mary Washington, colleagues boasted of the “huge new gym.” But when the new athletic director and men’s basketball coach got his first glimpse of Goolrick, its 23-foot ceilings, and seats for a mere 400 fans, he didn’t have the heart to tell them it wasn’t up to snuff for intercollegiate play.

Thirty-five years later – after decades of patient, diligent lobbying and watching thousands of volleyballs played off the low ceiling – Hegmann finally got the arena he has dreamed of for his Eagles – the William M. Anderson Center, a sleek 52,000 square-foot multi-use convocation center that was dedicated Aug. 25.

The building’s namesake, who served as Mary Washington’s president from 1983 to 2006, was on hand for the ribbon cutting, as was a crowd that included President Richard V. Hurley, former and current Board of Visitors members, athletes, alumni, faculty, staff, and Anderson’s family and friends. Hegmann, who is chair of the

Department of Athletics, Health, and Physical Education, thanked Anderson for sharing his dream and keeping the athletic building project “cooking – albeit sometimes on the back burner” for all those years.

“Fortunately,” Hegmann said, “we have finally reached the finish line!”

Everything about the Anderson Center says “pro play.” The gleaming hardwood floor is embossed with the fighting eagle, and the 50-foot ceiling makes a bounced in-play ball nearly impossible. The cavernous room has three 26-foot video screens – two of which lower from the ceiling. Five mounted video cameras capture the action; audiovisual



Clockwise from above: The Anderson Center's state-of-the-art control booth overlooks the court; (from left to right) UMW President Richard V. Hurley, Athletic Director Ed Hegmann, President Emeritus William M. Anderson Jr., and BOV Rector Daniel Steen '84 cut the ceremonial ribbon at the Aug. 25 dedication; the screaming eagle guards center court; and the UMW seal adorns the main entrance.



engineers in the control booth can stream the video live on monitors in the upstairs hallways or to the Internet.

A president's box overlooks the court, as do three coaches' offices. Nearby are seven locker rooms: three for Eagles basketball and volleyball, two for visiting teams, and two for officials. And the restrooms? Let's just say that with so many fixtures, there won't be a lot of waiting.

Rows of seats accommodate more than 2,000 fans. Pressed to the wall, the dark blue bleachers make room for 3,000 on the floor and spell "EAGLES" in gray.

In contrast, Dodd Auditorium seats 1,300 and Woodard Campus Center holds a maximum of 500, standing. Now administrators are counting on the Anderson Center for large events the University has previously been unable to host.

The building was two years in planning, two years in construction, and Hegmann was hands-on the whole time. The former lieutenant and his Army Corps of Engineers platoon had built military housing, runways, and train stations in Vietnam, so he knows his way around building sites and blueprints.



In a three-person team of managers, including Anderson Center Project Manager Glen Dunwoody and UMW Capital Outlay Project Manager Gary Hobson, Hegmann dubbed himself the "athletics guy." The professor of health and physical education tried to anticipate every detail of what players, coaches, game officials, and fans would need. He consulted with colleagues at other institutions, and he studied construction manuals. He chose flooring, fixtures, designs, lighting, backboards, carpets, tile, colors – "everything that had to do with athletic construction," Hegmann said.

It paid off, according to Anderson, who came to Mary Washington the same year as Hegmann. The two worked together until Anderson's retirement in 2006. One of his hardest tasks as president, Anderson told the crowd, "was raising enough money to keep up with Ed's ideas."

"He was very much involved in the planning and construction of this building, and it shows," Anderson said.

President Hurley had also worked with Anderson. He was pleased to honor the 23-year president's "extraordinary service" with a building that would continue his legacy.



"The Anderson Center will mean so many things for the students of the University of Mary Washington – today and through all future years," Hurley said. "In addition to its use as an athletic event venue, the Anderson Center will play a vital role as the site of many other significant events in the life of the University."

UMW Historian William B. Crawley, who served as assistant to Anderson, said such occasions will bring together the community and the University, making it a perfect tribute to the building's namesake. "To Bill, the University was not the ivory tower of intellectual aloofness," Crawley said, "but the open door of community involvement."

The professor emeritus of history and American studies said that Anderson's commitment to and building of the UMW athletics program were among his greatest accomplishments. Opportunities for student athletes will "take a quantum leap with the opening of this wonderful facility," Crawley said.

Just as the dedication ended on that hot August afternoon, storm clouds gathered. The Anderson Center's first official student gathering, 2011 Honor Convocation,



was supposed to follow. But minutes before the event, just as nicely dressed students and robed faculty were making their way down Campus Walk, a thunderstorm struck. It was so long and so violent Honor Convocation was delayed until the following week.

And that was the Anderson Center's *second* natural disaster.

Just 48 hours before its dedication, an unusually strong earthquake shook the building and raised fears it wouldn't be safe in time for early-semester events. A structural examination determined the damage was merely cosmetic, and the ribbon cutting was a go.

Anderson hadn't felt the quake, he told the well-wishers at the dedication; he was in the air on his way to Fredericksburg. In a strong voice familiar to so many, the president emeritus expressed the excitement he felt as he traveled to get his first glimpse of the building that bears his name.

"Now I know what a 4-year-old child feels like on Dec. 24," he said. "It's a marvelous facility, and I'm so honored they did this." ♠



BRAND NEW

Great minds got to work honing
UMW's distinctive qualities

| By Anna B. Billingsley

A high school student visiting Mary Washington this fall told a faculty member she wanted a career in cancer research. "Is there a professor here who can help me reach my goal?" she asked.

Without hesitation, the faculty member said, "Rosemary Barra." And as he did, a single phrase popped into his head, *master teacher*; the words sum up his colleague who chairs the biology department.

Barra teaches a course on the biology of cancer, and she has conducted research into the effects of chemotherapeutic drugs on cell viability.



UMW hit the ground running with its tagline “where great minds get to work.” Kelsey Carter ’14, who was part of a series of photographs being used in a new advertising blitz, said she does her best thinking during long runs around downtown Fredericksburg.

In that brief exchange, a student saw an avenue to pursue a dream. A professor made a connection between his colleague’s work and a student’s passions. And UMW’s brand was reinforced.

UMW’s brand?

Yes, branded marketing is new to Mary Washington. But the process is not. A brand captures what makes a place

special, what sets it apart. For a university, branding is also a way to match the institution with potential students who will thrive there.

A brand is not just some fabricated marketing scheme about what a place *should* be; it’s a genuine assessment of what a place *already is*.

For the University of Mary Washington, that is:

- Close connections with faculty members
- Rigorous academics
- Research opportunities
- Honor and integrity
- Small classes
- Accessible master teachers
- Real-world skill development
- Recreational outlets
- Leadership tools

Mary Washington is a place where people are serious about academics, *and* it’s a place with a lot of camaraderie, civic involvement, and fun.

Those associated with the University knew that. But they sought expert advice in crystallizing and capitalizing on those attributes.

Educational Marketing Group (EMG), a Colorado-based brand development firm, spent about four months immersing itself in the University of Mary Washington. “Our goal was to define the niche leadership position that UMW should occupy in the hearts and minds of its important audiences,” said Bob Brock, EMG’s president.

But first they had to get to know the people who are the University.

EMG’s marketing gurus conducted surveys with alumni, faculty, staff, and students; held focus groups with current and prospective students, parents, and alumni; researched peer institutions; met with the University marketing team; strategized with President Hurley and the Board of Visitors; and brainstormed with deans and other key administrators. In the end, EMG was in contact with more than 2,600 people who have a connection with Mary Washington.

Their efforts paid off. EMG gets UMW.

In early October, President Richard V. Hurley led a University-wide pep rally in the brand new Anderson Center. Mary Washington has been an undiscovered gem, a well-kept secret, he told students, faculty, and staff. But



Karen Pearlman



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those days are over, he announced. Hurley then unveiled a new way of looking at who and what the University of Mary Washington is, and it boiled down to this: a place *where great minds get to work*.

Music played, a dance squad entertained, student-created videos flashed across a monitor, and the throng cheered along with the Eagle mascot. Hurley also introduced the University's new website.

He then asked for help from those sitting in the bleachers. Use the tagline and talk about UMW's core values, he said. Spread the word about Mary Washington. The crowd got the message.

As the audience of nearly 600 left the hall, people snatched up T-shirts emblazoned with "where great minds get to work."

Those six words will show up nearly everywhere the University of Mary Washington logo appears. Like the permanently seared brands of old that let ranchers know which cattle were whose, UMW wants to sear its distinguishing qualities into the psyches of alumni, prospective students,

faculty, staff, members of the community, and potential donors.

If Mary Washington were a person, EMG discovered, its personality could be summed up as passionate, intellectual, genuine, and innovative.

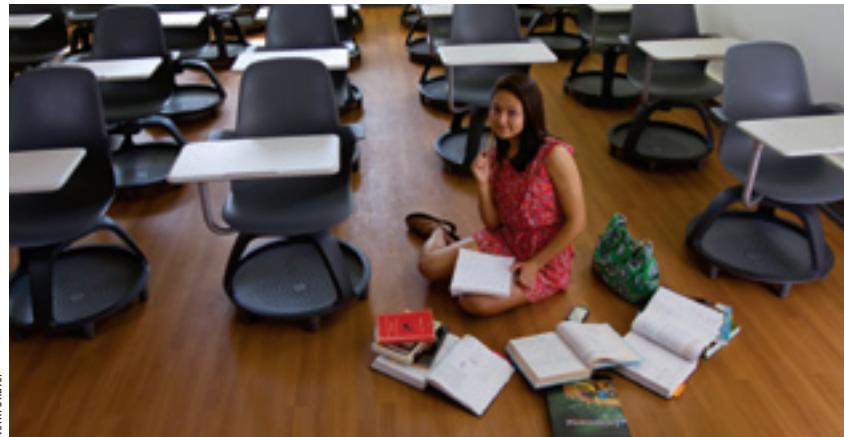
Those four characteristics, along with what UMW has to offer (called "brand drivers" in marketing-speak) are a guide to how the University presents itself to the world. UMW is ready to use a distinct look, and distinct words, to show the world its style.

Now, when it's time to choose photographs for the alumni magazine or the Web, or when it's time to choose the words to write and speak about the University, staff members will look to these characteristics as a sort of palette that shows who we are.

There is one thing UMW is *not* doing – it is not trying to change who it is. Nor is it denying its rich history. It's facing the camera with its best side. It's using lighting that accentuates its best features – it is synthesizing and elevating



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how it presents itself to the outside world.

EMG also developed a plan for differentiating UMW from its competition, a strategic marketing plan. Among the goals are an increase in applications for enrollment and an enhancement of UMW's visibility.

To these ends, the University is developing creative and innovative student recruitment pieces and initiating an advertising blitz.

About a dozen students participated in a photography session in September. With the theme of "where great minds get to work," the students told the photographer where they do their best thinking. Then they trekked to settings that put a twist on those places – high atop the fitness center, surrounded by historic buildings in downtown Fredericksburg, among the amphitheater's beds of ivy, in the chilly water of the Rappahannock.

The result is a set of intriguing photos that will appear with equally intriguing headlines in places UMW has never been seen before – in newspaper ads, on billboards, in college

Adjacent page, top: President Rick Hurley rallied a crowd of 600 in the Anderson Center during an October pep rally to introduce the UMW brand. Clockwise: Lavar Edmonds '14 looks chill in a field of ivy near the amphitheater and attracts attention in this ad on a highway billboard; Claire Harrington '15 studies best surrounded by books; history and political science major Jeremy Thompson '13 gets up close with James Monroe – the two are featured in an ad at Reagan National Airport; David Hart '14 reaches high for a hold and in his geography studies.

guidebooks, on Facebook, in shopping malls and airports, and on websites.

EMG isn't new to this task. It has helped more than 150 educational clients, including several Virginia institutions. One of the best known of EMG's successes is Virginia Tech's memorable tagline, "Invent the Future."

A brand finds its home in the minds and hearts of individuals; it's made up of stories, expectations, memories, and experiences that, over time, create feelings. For Mary Washington, that feeling is best expressed in this way: "rigorous academics in a supportive community of high integrity."

As more and more people get it, the UMW brand comes to life – and great minds get to work. ■

Anna B. Billingsley is the University of Mary Washington brand manager.

You Talked; We Listened

Alumni survey results have UMW boasting
... and bent on finding ways to be even better!

| By Lisa Chinn '92

To get a clearer picture of its graduates, the University of Mary Washington asked for participation this spring in its first truly comprehensive alumni survey, complete with clickable answers, drop-down menus, and all the trappings you'd expect of an online poll. But rather than pop into view like a digital photo, the UMW image developed more like a Polaroid print, sliding into focus a little at a time.

As results were tallied, numbers crunched, and comments analyzed, a picture began to emerge. It shows a professionally successful group of graduates who feel they left Mary Washington with the skills it takes to succeed, friendships that last a lifetime, and experiences they wouldn't trade for the world. The survey committee – organized by UMW Chief of Staff Martin A. Wilder Jr. and composed of key members of Mary Washington's faculty and staff, including Assistant Provost for Institutional Analysis and Effectiveness Taiwo Ande – is grateful to the more than 2,000 UMW alumni who took time to participate. The group is eager to share highlights from its findings and its plans for moving forward.

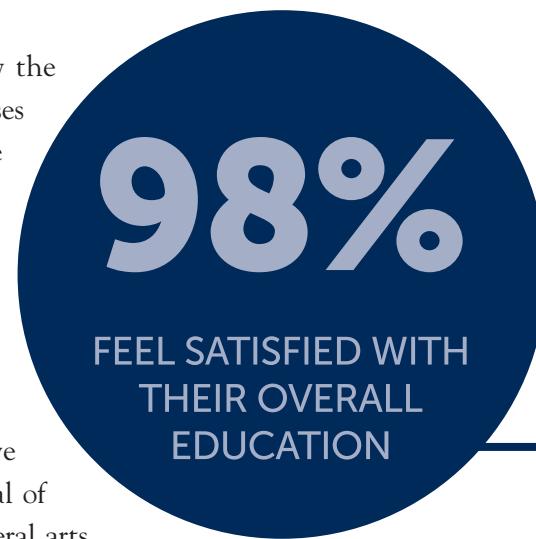
"We are extremely pleased by the very candid and thoughtful responses of our alumni," Wilder said. The survey sought to measure not only the career-related success of Mary Washington grads but also their emotional connection to their alma mater. "The data will help us tout the many achievements of the UMW community and move us closer to President Hurley's goal of making UMW the best public liberal arts and sciences university in the nation."

Administrators, who have shared results with specific

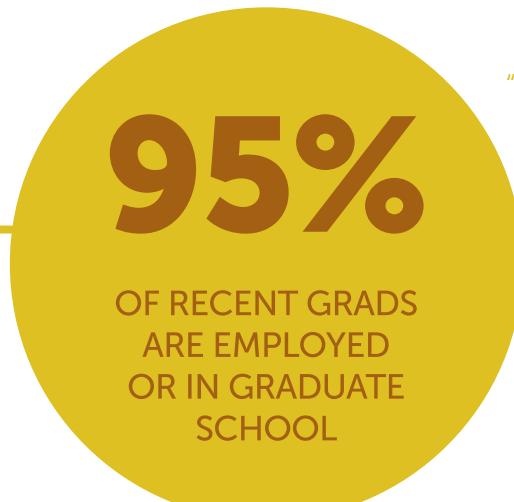
academic departments, will prioritize participants' concerns, identify areas that call for further exploration, and discuss how to make collected data accessible. They plan to capitalize on offers from survey-takers who said they'd like to strengthen their connections to their alma mater. And they'll fine-tune questions from the survey's two versions – one for recent graduates and another for those who finished five years ago or more – to ensure that subsequent polls capture information that is missing or could help illuminate certain areas.

Statistics revealed by the results of this spring's survey, along with those culled from future versions, will help President Hurley – and the entire University – herald the accomplishments of Mary Washington's faculty, staff, and students; instill pride in alumni; attract prospective students and their parents; solicit financial assistance from legislators and other officials; and continue to give students a first-rate education.

Here are some stats and sentiments from the survey:



"A wonderful education in a beautiful setting, making lifelong friends. UMW is in my heart."



95%

OF RECENT GRADS
ARE EMPLOYED
OR IN GRADUATE
SCHOOL

"The education I received from Mary Washington has directly resulted in three promotions since 2009."



81%

OF PRE-2007 GRADS
ARE EMPLOYED IN MID-
TO EXECUTIVE-LEVEL
POSITIONS



"I was recently made executive vice president at a global corporation and public affairs consulting firm."

99%

OF RECENT GRADS WERE
EXTREMELY SATISFIED
WITH THE QUALITY
OF FACULTY

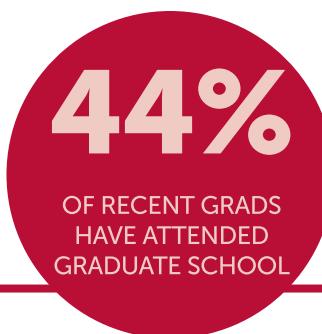


"Best school ever. Please make sure that the faculty is highlighted – getting to know my professors made the college experience great for me."



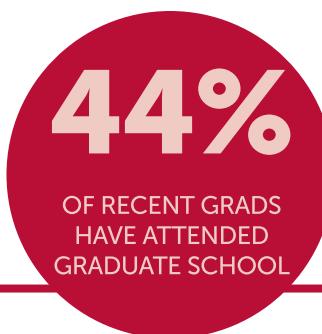
96%

OF PRE-2007 GRADS
SAY MARY WASHINGTON
IMPROVED THEIR
QUALITY OF LIFE



44%

OF RECENT GRADS
HAVE ATTENDED
GRADUATE SCHOOL



"After applying to four universities and being accepted with fully funded research assistantships to each, I will begin pursuing my M.S. degree this fall."



"I enjoyed my time at UMW. I was particularly proud of the Honor System and how it was followed."

98%

OF RECENT GRADS
BELIEVE THE HONOR
SYSTEM SHOULD BE
MAINTAINED OR
STRENGTHENED



97%

FEEL UMW TAUGHT
THEM TO SPEAK
AND WRITE
EFFECTIVELY

"I believe the education I received at UMW was very beneficial to my ability to think critically, write well, and analyze information – all essential skills in today's market."



87%

MADE ENDURING
FRIENDSHIPS AT
MARY WASHINGTON

"I made lasting friendships and met my future wife at Mary Washington and would never change that."

We Aren't Finished Yet ...

While the alumni survey helps UMW officials tout Mary Washington's plethora of positives, it also provides grads with a venue for voicing concern. Survey committee members want to assure alumni that UMW is listening to all their feedback and looking for ways to improve. Here are a few examples:

CONCERN: Alums expressed worry that UMW's continued growth could chip away at the core values – small class sizes, historic building preservation, community involvement – that have defined the school they cherish.

COMMITMENT: While University officials are excited about recent construction, new initiatives, and ongoing advancement, they also are dedicated to preserving the things that make the Mary Washington experience special. President Hurley has pledged to hold the University's undergraduate population to 4,500 and keep class sizes small. He has emphasized the importance of community engagement and announced his dedication to preserving the historic character of the campus. "These values continue to be the stronghold of the future direction of the University," said Assistant Provost for Institutional Analysis and Effectiveness Taiwo Ande. "The President and his cabinet are unwavering in their commitment to these values."

CONCERN: Grads indicated they'd like to see Mary Washington up its fun-factor, create more camaraderie on campus, and instill a stronger school spirit in students and alums.

COMMITMENT: Dedicated in August, the University's new William M. Anderson Center will enable UMW to host larger, more prestigious athletic competitions, concerts, and other special events. In addition, the Office of Student Activities and Engagement is committed to circulating excitement throughout Mary Washington. The office aims to engage students and build school spirit by facilitating campus-wide shows, contests, and events, from traditional endeavors like Devil-Goat Day and Junior Ring Week to pep rallies, carnivals, movie nights, and video game competitions.

CONCERN: Alums expressed mixed feelings about references to UMW as a "hidden gem" and emphasized the University's need for better branding and increased name recognition.

COMMITMENT: We've got you covered on this one. See how by reading the feature *Brand New* on page 26. 



Sallie Braxton

By Lisa Chinn '92

A stack of business cards, one for each title she's held at UMW, paints a picture of the kaleidoscopic career of **Sallie Washington Braxton '77**. But her 33-year journey on the corporate ladder has been more horizontal than vertical.

"I so enjoyed working at Mary Washington that I think the realization that [my job changes] were lateral moves wasn't really at the forefront of my mind," said the associate dean for advising services for the College of Business. "I just saw different openings and different areas of opportunity, and I knew what I enjoyed doing."

When Braxton came to work at her alma mater as assistant dean of admissions and financial aid in 1978, she discovered a particular passion for advising. Since then, she has worked as a director and a dean, with graduates and undergraduates, in Fredericksburg and in Stafford. Through all the changes, though, one thing has stayed the same: her focus on fostering students' success.

"Maybe I sacrificed my goals for theirs," she said.

But Braxton is where she wants to be. She has a strong faith, a job she loves at a university she respects, and a large and loving family that includes husband Warren; daughter Lyndsey, a UMW freshman; J. Bettis Chaos Braxton, their lap-loving Jack Russell terrier; and seven siblings.

Braxton was inspired by a close family friend, the late civil rights leader James Farmer. But her drive to help others shine, especially academically, came mostly from her mother. An activist for education, she walked miles from her Rappahannock County, Va., home to support construction of an African-American high school in Culpeper. Five of her eight children went on to work in education.

Braxton received an associate's degree in education from Germanna Community College before earning a bachelor's degree in English from Mary Washington.

"I think I had an affinity for advising transfer students because I had been one myself," she said. "I enjoyed working with students who'd had college experience."

Her guidance has helped shape the educations of grads and undergrads for decades, but Braxton has contributed to UMW in countless other capacities, including serving as codirector of the Student Transition Program, president of the Black Faculty and Staff Association, and director of the BLS



degree program and Project SOAR.

Along the way, as she counseled students, she took to heart her own advice. Braxton earned a master's in educational administration and supervision at Virginia State University, repeatedly making the hour-and-a-half drive from her job in Fredericksburg to the Petersburg campus.

"I would work a full day, and Dr. [Conrad] Warlick was kind enough to let me take lunch at the end of the day," she said. "Classes ended at 10, and then it was back to work the next morning at 8."

And back to her labor of love – steering Mary Washington students toward success.

What do you love most about Mary Washington? *It just spells quality to me. I don't know how else to put it.*

How would you describe yourself? *Honest and intuitive. Professional. You have to give 110 percent every day, regardless of what's happening on the perimeter. Our students and my colleagues deserve no less.*

What motivates you? *My upbringing and my family. I think about my mother and what she instilled in me – to do well, to work hard. She didn't push us, but she instilled in us the value of education, and she cheered at every milestone we met.*

What are you passionate about? *My friends; if I'm your friend, I'm your friend through thick and thin. I'm passionate about causes, too. You have to stick with your fundamental beliefs and carry those through. You have to leave this Earth a little better than you entered it.*

What are you afraid of? *You know, at this stage in my life, I don't think I'm afraid of anything. I have a strong faith, and fear really isn't an issue or an option. My husband would tell you snakes; I don't like reptiles.*

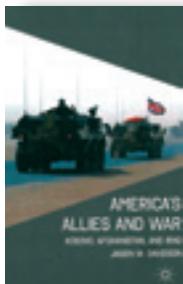
What keeps you awake at night? *The only thing that really keeps me awake at night is my daughter, her well-being, and any sort of family issue.*

What one thing would people be surprised to learn about you? *Probably that I'm writing a novel about my grandfather, A Granddaughter's Memories and Musings.* 



Books by Faculty and Staff

America's Allies and War: Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq



By Jason W. Davidson, UMW associate professor of political science and international affairs

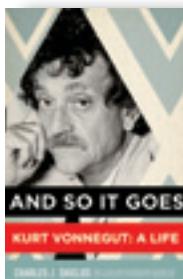
America's Allies and War by Jason W. Davidson, a multiple-case-study analysis of transatlantic burden-sharing, provides a unique explanation of why

Britain, France, and Italy provide or refuse military support for U.S.-led armed forces. Using 60 original interviews with top policymakers and analysts, Davidson explores allies' decisions during conflicts in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq. From the cases explored, Davidson finds that "neoclassical realist factors" such as alliance value, threat, prestige, and electoral politics better explain allies' actions than "constructivist factors," identified here as identity and norms. The book briefly covers Vietnam, Lebanon, the Persian Gulf War, and Somalia. Davidson, the author of *Origins of Revisionist and Status-quo States* and numerous scholarly articles that have appeared in journals such as *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Nonproliferation Review*, and *Security Studies*, ends the book with recommendations for increasing future allied military support.

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And So It Goes: Kurt Vonnegut: A Life

By Charles J. Shields, UMW *Great Lives* assistant director



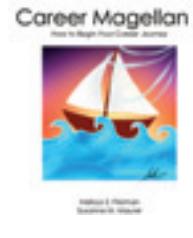
In the summer of 2006, Charles J. Shields contacted Kurt Vonnegut Jr. and offered to be the famous author's biographer. Vonnegut's first response was, in so many words, "no." Shields persisted, and finally got an "OK" from the writer of such works as *Cat's Cradle*, *Slaughterhouse-Five*, and *Breakfast of Champions*. Shields interviewed Vonnegut, who died the following April at age 84. The result of those interviews and subsequent meticulous research is *And So It Goes: Kurt Vonnegut: A Life*, the definitive biography of Vonnegut based on his own words and those of his contemporaries, friends, and family members in addition to personal letters. Through the biography, Shields exposes the effects on Vonnegut of his

mother's suicide, his internment during WWII as a POW in Dresden, his many years as a literary failure, his adoption of three children who were orphaned by his sister and brother-in-law, his alcoholism, and his own attempted suicide.

Shields spoke on Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, as part of last year's UMW *Great Lives Series*. Shields is the author of *Mockingbird*, the best-selling biography of the reclusive author.

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Books by Alumni

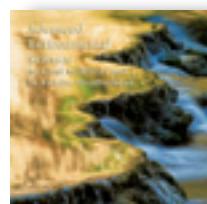


Career Magellan: How to Begin Your Career Journey

By Melissa S. Fireman and Susanne M. Maurer '99

Passions, talents, and values are not usually words associated with a career in today's job market, but Melissa S. Fireman and **Susanne M. Maurer '99** intend to change that with their book *Career Magellan: How to Begin Your Career Journey*. This career/life assessment guide is full of ideas to help match interests and passions with possible careers. Designed for just about every level of worker, ranging from someone just entering the workforce to one near retirement, the book features actual case examples and includes two pages of resources. It explores how to take stock of what matters most; how to define passions, talents, and values; and how to turn those into the first steps of career exploration. Fireman and Maurer are the founders of Washington Career Services, a career management firm specializing in organizational and career consulting for individuals, academia, and industry.

– Published by Washington Career Services, July 2011



AP Environmental Science

By Carol Matthews and N. Kathryn Weatherhead '77

Nora Kathryn Wire Weatherhead '77 and Carol Matthews created and wrote *AP Environmental Science*, the teacher and student manuals for which were awarded the 2010 TEXTY – the National Textbook Excellence Award. Only seven texts in any subject area were given the national award in 2010, and *Advanced Environmental Science* was the only one that was recognized for the physical sciences.

The student version of the textbook includes 32 labs and

activities designed not only to help users prepare for the AP exam, but also to teach students to be environmentally conscious citizens. The instructor's version includes a pacing guide, daily lesson plans, major state standard alignments, editable PowerPoint presentations, and assessments. Both authors are experienced classroom

teachers. Weatherhead is an AP environmental science exam grader, table leader, and workshop lecturer.

The TEXTY award is given by the nonprofit Text and Academic Authors Association, the mission of which is to enhance the quality of textbooks and other academic materials.

– Published by Teaching Point

Get the Picture?



No one seems to know whose foamy face (left) graced last edition's *Get the Picture*, which featured an image of a student participating in 1989 Devil-Goat Day shenanigans.

But we hope classes of the early '60s will help us identify these spirit-filled freshmen who were pictured in the 1964 *Battlefield* (below). The yearbook caption reads, "Freshmen arm themselves with pots, pans, and pins to rid themselves of beanies." We know that before 1971, first-years were required to wear beanies – red for devils and green for goats – or suffer a consequence, usually a chore assigned by the upperclassman who caught them bareheaded.

So, in addition to names, please tell us more about what it took to shed the beanies at the end of freshman year. Just who are these students and why are they wielding pots and pans?

If you know, please send an email with *Get the Picture* in the subject line to ntrenis@umw.edu.

Or, write us at *UMW Magazine – Get the Picture*

1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5300.

Give It Your Best Shot!





Native Meadows Make News

Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont gets attention not only for the art that hangs inside, but also for the natural beauty of the estate outside. In August, public television's *Virginia Home Grown* featured the work of **Beate Jensen '99**, who supervises the preservation of landscape, grounds, and buildings on the 28-acre historic property in Falmouth, Va.

Since graduating, Jensen has used her University of Mary Washington historic preservation degree to help fulfill

Corinne Melchers' wish that Belmont become a memorial to her husband, artist Gari Melchers, and a park where the public enjoys nature. The grounds are open to the public without charge during business hours.

In 2000, Jensen made a bold move – she converted three


Amy Barton Williams (left) of *Virginia Home Grown* interviews Beate Jensen '99 about the native grass meadows Jensen established at Belmont.

acres of traditional, closely trimmed fescue and bluegrass lawn to towering native grasses. Today, Belmont boasts acres of fully established low-maintenance native meadow.

Last summer, *Virginia Home Grown* host Amy Barton Williams headed up I-95 from the gardening-and-conservation show's studio at WCVE PBS in Richmond to find out more.

Belmont's meadows teem with birds, mammals, and butterflies, Jensen said. She leaves the grasses standing in winter, so animals forage for seed heads and find shelter from predators and harsh weather.

Jensen also maintains Belmont's formal gardens – boxwood, heritage roses, annuals, and perennials – around the historic home. She and her tiny staff have worked to clear the estate's nearly 10 wooded acres of invasive plants and to establish paths so visitors can more easily enjoy the forests and access the adjacent Rappahannock River.

The native meadow means less mowing and provides extensive wildlife habitats. And with open, meandering paths that tunnel through Indian grass, switch grass, and bluestems – some towering more than 10 feet high – it's a restorative place for humans.

"It makes me feel like a kid walking through here with the grasses over my head," Jensen said.

Poli Sci Turns Out Winners

The Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honor society recognized **Annie Morris '11** as a winner in its national writing competition. Her winning *Persuasion and the Bully Pulpit: Expanded Evidence on Strategies of Presidential Leadership* presented the results of Morris' undergraduate research on the influence of televised speeches. She showed that, contrary to popular belief, such speeches have the power to influence the votes of a small percentage of members of Congress.

The ninth winner from UMW since 1997, the political science and sociology major developed the idea for the paper when she was taking the American Presidency class with UMW Assistant Professor of Political Science Chad Murphy.

"I am honored, but more than that," she said, the award "is a testament to the kind of professors and students the University attracts. Not many schools have departments that support their students as much as UMW."

Prosecutor Champions Victims of Domestic Violence

As a misdemeanor prosecutor, **Joe Clark '06** takes on crimes that might be considered minor. But as Arizona's first domestic violence resource prosecutor, he's aiming to tackle a problem that is major.

Clark helped establish the Navajo County Domestic Violence Court, which targets first-time offenders and aims to break the crime's repetitive cycle. The Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council has named him Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year.

With less than two years as a prosecutor under his belt, he also played a key role in establishing the county's first domestic violence fatality review team, as well as protocols for handling child abuse and sexual assault incidents. In his current role, he serves as a resource for prosecutorial and law enforcement agencies statewide.



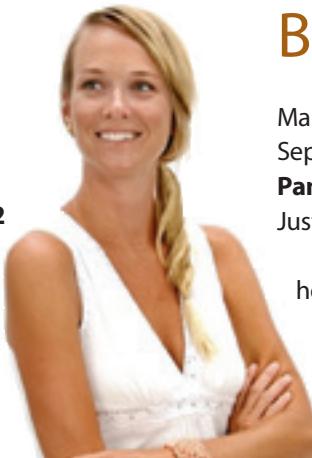
Joe Clark '06

Poet Gets Coveted Fellowship, Returns to UMW

In only seven years since her graduation from Mary Washington, **Allison Seay '02** has made a name for herself and her poetry. In September, the Poetry Foundation and *Poetry* magazine awarded Seay the coveted 2011 Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship, one of the largest awards offered to aspiring poets in the United States.

More than 1,000 poets nationwide vied for the \$15,000 scholarship, but only five were chosen. Their work was featured in *Poetry* magazine's November issue and on www.poetryfoundation.org.

Seay, who received a master of fine arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will return to Mary Washington in January as the inaugural UMW Arrington Poet-In-Residence. She will give a reading, and she will teach the advanced poetry workshop and the creative writing seminar in poetry.



Allison Seay '02

Mississippi Must Miss Dean of Business

Though Lynne D. Richardson moved to Virginia this summer, Mississippi won't soon forget her. In September, *Mississippi Business Journal* named the new dean of the UMW College of Business among the 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi for 2011.

Before joining UMW, she served as a professor of marketing and dean of the College of Business at Mississippi State University.



Lynne D. Richardson

Legal Aid Honors BOV Vice Rector

Maryland Legal Aid celebrated its 100th anniversary in September; it also celebrated one of UMW's own. The Hon. **Pamela White '74** was among the Top 25 Human Rights and Justice Champions recognized for outstanding achievement.

White was specifically honored for providing numerous hours of pro bono counsel for Legal Aid, a private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal service, and for her dedication as an active member of the Equal Justice Council, the fundraising branch of Legal Aid. White, vice rector of the UMW Board of Visitors, has served as president of both the Maryland State Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association. She serves as judge on the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City.



Pamela White '74

Grad Attends to Dance

Sara Crawford Nash '01 has been named program manager for the National Dance Project (NDP) at the New England Foundation for the Arts. The NDP, begun in 1996, has been a primary patron for the contemporary dance field, supporting the production and touring of new dance works.

Nash, who studied theater and dance at Mary Washington, has managed the USArtists International grant program at the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation. She was senior producer in programming at Dance Theater Workshop in New York City; at Tanec Praha, an international contemporary dance festival in Prague; and at the British Council in London.

The NDP, funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, is the only national program supporting individual dance artists and companies.



Sara Crawford Nash '01



Karen Pearlman



Terry Cogrove



Terry Cogrove



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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni
FROM: Derek M. Bottcher '96



Have you visited campus lately? Shared a story with a co-worker, relative, or neighbor about your Mary Washington days? Attended an alumni event?

If not, I challenge you to reconnect with our alma mater.

Come out for the Eagles at the Anderson Center, the long-awaited arena where thousands can cheer on UMW's winning athletes. Head down Campus Walk and stop by the renovated Monroe Hall where old-school murals coexist with the latest in learning technologies. Or, grab a whole-grain sandwich at the ever memorable Underground's "Naturally Woodstock," a partnership with the founders of the famous 1969 concert.

Live far from Fredericksburg? Get connected at new UMW Networks starting across the country. Members are already helping to recruit the class of 2015.

All of us share President Hurley's vision – to make UMW the best public liberal arts and sciences institution in the country. Our alumni family is more than 30,000 strong and growing; if we all get involved, in any way we can, we will help make it happen!

Update your contact information at www.umw.edu/alumni and you won't miss UMW's all-new email announcements.



Left, top: 1950 graduates Marcy (left) and Juney Morris with friend Cassandra Lewis '11 at the Legacy Breakfast in September

Left, second from top to bottom: Scenes from the October Homecoming Weekend including the Alumni Association Board of Directors (bottom)

Above, left (left to right): Charmayne Palomba '05, Lindsay Sekel '10, Sam Miller '10, Amanda Gold '11, Emily Walsh '06, and Nancy Raia '06 at the New York Network alumni meeting in October

Above, right (left to right): Lisa London '06, Ben Franklin '06, Allison Bertsch '07, and Meghan Hudson '11 at the Boston Network alumni meeting in October

Class Notes

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1936

Ruby Lee Norris
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1941

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Alma Roller Schmalzer of Mount Gretna, Pa., spent her first years teaching in Baileys Crossroads and Annandale, Va., when that area of Fairfax County was relatively rural, but said she would get lost there now. After four years in Northern Virginia, Alma married, moved to Pennsylvania, and taught for a while. She and her husband celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in August 2010 and have three children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, all in good health. Alma keeps up with her roommate and friend from fourth grade, who is from Vienna, Va., and now lives in South Carolina.

I received a note from **Jennifer Rondon** '81, whose 30th class reunion was this year. She and husband Fernando were doing well and looking forward to visiting Peru and exploring the northern coast.

1942 *Reunion Weekend*
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1944

Phyllis Quimby Anderson
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My children seem to think I shouldn't be alone since Hank passed away, so my daughter, Heidi, and her friend moved upstairs. Part of the bargain is that he does the cooking. They have been caring for the yard and garden and doing

repairs, and Heidi has helped me tremendously with my finances. I planned to go to the annual USS New York reunion in Norfolk, Va., this year with some of the children and to a family reunion this summer. One granddaughter was married in April, another was to be married in September, and one of my grandsons and his wife had my first great-granddaughter in March. I believe there will be another wedding in Germany next year and possibly something here. I still play bridge, go to exercise class, sing in the choir, and hopefully will play hand bells again at church; it has been too long since I used them.

Ruth "Sammie" Samuel Legnini moved to the Dunwoody Village retirement community in Newtown Square, Pa., and loves it, as does my sister, Priscilla, who has been there a few years. The two hadn't yet met. Sammie said Mary Washington was one of the great joys of her life, and she loves to keep up with college friends, so keep sending your news.

Anna Austin Ware got an email from **Libby Philips Roe**, and they are OK. Anna said they'd just had two inches of rain, which made the farmers happy after a dry spell. After reading *No Ordinary Time*, which repeatedly mentions Roosevelt's stamp collection, Anna had been entertaining herself with *her* collection, which had been packed away for years. She has lots of duplicates to give a 10-year-old friend at church who just started a collection.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray's grandson, Andrew, and his wife had her second great-grandchild, James "Jamee" Thomas Gilles Bridier, who joined his 2-year-old sister, Charlotte Elizabeth, in May. Andrew's brother, Matthieu, married Kelly in June on Long Island in Westhampton, N.Y., then honeymooned in Italy. The two boys followed their grandfather, Philip Murray, in the clothing business. Elizabeth continues to play bridge. She has lost several close friends,

which reminds her that we're all getting older.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey still lives alone in a La Plata, Md., senior village but gets help and company from her nearby children. Grandson Jac was to attend Penn State. Daughter Marianne has two sons, one in Ohio and the other in Louisiana, who also were to go to college in the fall. Other than "elderly" aches and pains, Mary Ellen said she is doing well. **Isabel Hildrup Klein** is doing OK but has the same sort of dates most of us have with various doctors. Granddaughter

Robin works for the National Institutes of Health, and Robin's husband works in pharmaceuticals.

I enjoyed hearing from all of you and, hopefully, it helps keep our class together. Please keep it up. Have a good 2012! Happiness to all of you, and Heidi, take care of the yard!

1945

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1946

Patricia Mathewson Spring
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It was a beautiful June weekend – the magnolia tree in front of Monroe Hall was in full bloom, the evening sky twinkled with stars, and the fragrance from the linden trees perfumed the air, as we trod those familiar paths we walked more than 65 years ago.

There were six of us: **Elaine "Sally" Heritage Jordan** came with her daughter and son-in-law; **Vivian Wilkerson** came with Janice Sullivan, daughter of the late **Mickey Dixon Sullivan**; **Janice Worsley Mayberry** came with her son, Paul; **Ann Briesmaster Robertson** and **Gerleen Verlander Ferguson** came with Ann's daughter,

Carol; and I came with daughter Kate. I understand that **Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe** had hoped to attend but couldn't because of a foot problem. We missed you, Liz.

We couldn't find anyone when we arrived from Connecticut at about 7 p.m. Friday but finally found Sally in a dining room. She was being taken care of by a group of student volunteers who were at

Elizabeth Savage Stevens '47 retired from USA Today and moved back to Fredericksburg. She taught at Greenwich Academy in Connecticut and was on National Public Radio.

our beck and call all weekend. We posed for a class picture at the Saturday picnic. At lunch, there was much conversation and many names mentioned and memories recalled, but we were all thinking of you, our classmates, and wishing you could be there. At the evening banquet, the Class of '66, led by **Mary Parsons Black**, gave a rousing rendition of the fight song: "Let's give a cheer for Mary Washington ..."

Five percent of the money accrued from the donations of the Class of '46 goes to a scholarship, and Sally receives a note each year from the student recipient.

Must we wait another five years? Can't we have a reunion again next June?

The last issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine* had **Dorothy Adams Kiger** of Santa Ana, Calif., recalling college days. She recently moved with her two dogs from her home of more than 50 years to a two-bedroom apartment. One of her two granddaughters, who married, lives in her old home. Dorothy still is active in church, Presbyterian Women, and the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. One of Dorothy's daughters is a Presbyterian minister in St. Joseph, Mo., and the other is a teacher in

Santa Ana. Dorothy said that life is good most of the time. She would like to renew some of the contacts she has lost with Mary Washington friends. "My four years at MWC were important years in my life, and memories will always bring smiles and pleasant thoughts."

1947 Reunion Weekend

Betty Moore Drewry Bamman
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My son, Mark, and I are still renovating our house. I have been seeing the renowned chiropractor Mark Gentile, who has greatly improved my stooped posture.

Julia Nell Blosser Grandle lived in Betty Lewis Hall with **Joyce Drewry** of Beckley, W.Va. Julia married in her sophomore year, transferred to her hometown college, now James Madison University, and taught math at Harrisonburg High School for 24 years. She has three sons, two grandchildren, and four greats. Her husband of 54 years died of cancer, and Julia now lives in a retirement community and would love to hear from others who lived in Betty Lewis. Write me for her email or physical address.

Kay Ryan Ryan of Florida read in *Class Notes* about **Ruth Duff Dyckman '40**, a friend and neighbor from Peekskill, N.Y., and called her. Kay heard from **Barbara Curtis Noll**, who is in real estate in Virginia and planned to be with her sons on Cape Cod, Mass., in August to see her new great-granddaughter.

Jean Boyce Carleton and husband Fred moved to the Freedom Village assisted living community in Bradenton, Fla. Fred had been recovering from surgery and complications but was back home and having physical therapy. Jean keeps busy with exercise, yoga, and bridge. They planned a three-week vacation in July with one of their two daughters, Marcy, and her family in Nantucket, Mass. While there, Jean planned to see **Elizabeth Cumby Murray '44**,

and she keeps in touch with **Pat Draz Glaser** of Tequesta, Fla., who summered in Plymouth, Mass., where her children and grandchildren live. Pat's sister-in-law, **Jody Briggs Glaser**, moved from Florida to Maryland to be near one of her daughters. Jody and **Betty Warren** were my roommates in Virginia Hall.

Elizabeth Savage

Stevens, who retired from *USA Today* and moved back to Fredericksburg, has four children and eight grands. She taught at Greenwich Academy in Connecticut, was on National Public Radio, and has traveled in Greece, Italy, France, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Hawaii. She volunteers at church and the library and for the Red Cross. **Lucy Mason Anderson Bannister**, who has been a widow since 2006, has four children and 10 grands. Lucy sold her house and lives in an apartment in Wilmington, Del.

Harriet Scott Brockenbrough '49 especially enjoys getting together with five high school friends twice a year for a "good old slumber party." As actively outgoing as she is, one wonders how much slumber is involved!

Rev. John C. Adkerson wrote to say his wife, **Sara Elizabeth Wagner Adkerson**, passed away in April. They met when Sara was en route to join a mission team to serve in a coal-mining town in southwest Virginia. She gave him a gospel tract and shared her faith. He was convinced that he wanted to be a Christian and someday marry this special lady. They married in 1949 and had four daughters, 10 grands, and 10 greats.

Doris Lippold Burns of Palm Harbor, Fla., had been married to her husband for 62 years, when he died suddenly last year. They had traveled most continents and especially enjoyed riverboat cruises in Europe. Doris has three children and seven grandchildren. She moved into the Stratford Court independent living facility last December, and her children visit often. She keeps in touch with

Harriet Davis Lathrum, Phyllis Horton Kent, and Sylvia Moore.

Betty Fulk Strider

Charlottesville married her high school sweetheart, David, in June 1948, and he served several surgical residencies. He also served in WWII and was called back into the Navy in 1952 to serve in the Korean War. She and David raised three sons, and he had his own surgical practice in Charlottesville for 33 years but was forced to close it after being diagnosed with throat cancer. He died in 2004 on his 78th birthday. Betty is active in a garden club and enjoys being with her children and grandchildren, who visit often.

Pat Geyer retired from Montclair, N.J., to a townhouse in Wilmington, N.C., where she has done the things she never had time for during her career. She spent many years in merchandising for a sportswear chain owned by W.R. Grace. A major part of her stock came from U.S. ski lines. She got ideas from sportswear shops throughout Europe and had items made in Hong Kong and China. She also scouted for manufacturing sites in Korea, Taiwan, and the Philippines. After retiring, she traveled the then Soviet Union, and she was the only Caucasian woman on the Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Beijing. She traveled across Turkey twice. She camped with a group of geologists in Alaska, from Anchorage to Prudhoe Bay and back. Pat has taken cruises, but mostly she has traveled

on container ships. She's been through the Panama Canal several times, and she's been around Africa and South America and through the Mediterranean on Suez Canal freighter trips. Now, she is really retired, takes yoga classes, and enjoys hearing about the adventures of her grandson, who is in the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and her granddaughter, who was to begin studies at Princeton.

Keep the letters coming!

1948

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1949

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The famed line often attributed to Mark Twain seems to cover the deep snows of the past winter, devastating storms of spring, and excessive heat of summer: "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Wherever you live, you probably were affected.

Three of our classmates in Virginia came back to campus in early April for the annual Scholarship Donor Appreciation Luncheon. **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore** of Fairfax, **Dolores "Dee" Ross** of Kilmarnock, and **Erma Whitaker Bockoven** and husband Fred of Hampton visited with their respective scholarship recipients. Dee visited Colonial Downs horse races with a friend, has taken several trips abroad with her tour group, and planned to join a bank tour to Paris in November and board a riverboat for a scenic cruise to Prague. After a relatively quiet summer, Betty anticipated traveling to Turkey and Greece in October with a group from Vienna Presbyterian Church and visiting places where St. Paul preached on his travels.

After retiring, Pat Geyer '47

traveled the then-Soviet Union, and she was the only Caucasian woman on the Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Beijing.

Both countries should provide Betty with ample inspiration for future artworks. Betty's BFF, **Mary Elwang Sharpley**, was delighted to have her granddaughter spend Easter with her at the Colonnades in Charlottesville. Mary sent word that **Barbara Westerman Newlon** lost her brother in May. We reported the sad news of the passing of Barbara's sister, **Rosemary Westerman**

Butterworth '48, last September, and again offer our sympathy to Barbara and her family. Mary also kindly forwards various news items from the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star* concerning our alma mater's plans, about which you can read elsewhere in this issue.

Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly and husband George made their annual trip to New York City in June. They boarded the train in Lynchburg, Va., sat in the "quiet car" (no kids or cell phones), and arrived in NYC six hours later. It's Marion's favorite place to visit, and George, a native New Yorker, is a splendid tour guide. Marion reported the arrival of another Mary Washington alumna at their Westminster Canterbury retirement abode, making a total of four to date. **Sue Quelch Bass '54** joined Wendy and **Esther Reece McVeigh** this year, followed by the newest addition, **Norvell Millner Thomson '48**.

Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons, Elizabeth "Liz" Krebbs '47, and Margaret Ruth Harrell Youngblood '48 all live at The Summit. When Andi goes to Lexington for dental checkups by son Clay, she and **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** get together for lengthy luncheons and catch up on news. Betty was to join the others in Lynchburg for a summer luncheon and mini-reunion. If their number keeps growing, they said they may need to reserve a stadium!

Despite several setbacks, "like falls and things like that," **Jeanne Farrington Leslie** and Mike are still fairly active in their St. George Village retirement community near Atlanta. Jeanne said they feel fortunate to live where the people are nice and friendly, adding it reminds her of our college days. Jeanne and Mike have 15 grandchildren and five great-grands who give them much joy. **Judy Stone Johnstone's** news is mostly about their seven grandchildren. None of them is married, but two are engaged and another is almost ready to propose to his sweetheart. Judy and Bob's oldest granddaughter graduated from law school in May and was busy studying for the New York and Massachusetts bar exams. The other three, ages

12, 16, and 21, still are in school. When the economy turns around, Judy hopes to sell their farm at Melfa on the Eastern Shore and move into a retirement facility.

Harriet Scott

Brockenbrough remains delighted with the Covenant Woods retirement community in Mechanicsville, Va., where she has lived for more than four years. She stays busy with

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her two supper groups and her church, the trips she helps plan for Covenant Woods residents, and their daily happy hour. She maintains that even exercise classes are fun there. They traveled to Canada and to Richmond's Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and planned a September trip to Annapolis, Md. In July, she spent eight days in Seattle with son Scott and his wife. Harriet drives to the Eastern Shore to visit her bachelor son at Onancock. Last year's big snowstorm prevented his traveling to be with her for Christmas. Harriet especially enjoys getting together with five high school friends twice a year for a "good old slumber party." As actively outgoing as she is, we wonder how much "slumber" is involved in a group of six octogenarians!

Frances "Frannie" Houston Layton relayed the news of **Margaret "Peggy" Elliott Sweeney's** move to a retirement center in Fort Washington, Pa., near one of her daughters. Two of Frannie's great-granddaughters from Kentucky, ages 5 and 6, were with her for a week in June to attend a morning dance camp. After lunch each day, Frannie took them swimming at a state forest pool, brought them home for a quick supper, and then drove them to her church's vacation Bible school. Frannie said once they were tucked in bed, it didn't take long for them to fall asleep! The girls want to come back soon, and the proud great-grandmother hopes they can. "I miss them," she said.

From her country home and kennel in Georgetown, Del., **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** reports she is healthy and happy at 83. She has six basset hounds, still shows her AKC Grand Champion, Calvin, and just started showing his and Bunny's daughter, CJ. They both win, but she said it's mostly just plain fun. Blackie judges at various shows and is president of her local kennel club, for which she is an AKC delegate. With all her acreage, her spare time mostly is spent cutting grass on her trusty tractor.

Katherine "Kate" Mayo

Schmidt is busy with her house, farm, and activities – such as her bridge groups – in Palestine, Texas. She planned to visit her sister in Alabama for two weeks in July. Good friends in her longtime home of Houston were to pick her up in Palestine, host her for a few days in Houston, then take her to her plane.

Corinne "Conni" Conley

Stuart and Bonar of Toronto celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April. She loves Skyping on the computer with their sons, Tony in Los Angeles and Curtis in St. Louis, as she gets to see them while they chat. But, she admits, she is never ready for a close-up without a make-up person standing by – shades of Norma Desmond and Cecil B. DeMille! Curtis and family planned to spend part of August with them in Toronto. The two grandchildren loved their former lakeside cottage but, now that they are teenagers, Conni thought they might enjoy summer in the city, especially

the cooler climate. Conni had a glorious trip to Nova Scotia in June, driving around beautifully maintained historic fishing villages. She was there to be in an episode of *Haven*, a Canadian TV series based on a Stephen King novel. In July, she was to play an eccentric old lady in *Against the Wall*, a new NBC cop series being shot in Toronto.

Since Bonar can't travel, he and Conni won't be joining **Betsy Thorne Bultman** and **Phelps** in New Hampshire this year, which is a disappointment

for the MWC suitemates who have enjoyed many fun reunions through the years. **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and "Doc" came to the same conclusion in Georgia, saying driving that distance is not feasible and flying today is strictly for the birds!

Gwen Brubaker Connell

and Jack observed their 65th wedding anniversary in October and welcomed three new great-grandchildren. Their joy was doubled when the newborns included twin girls, Ava and Phoebe. That gives the Connells a total of 14 great-grands, which possibly earns Gwen the "Classmate with the Most Great-Grands Award." Can anyone top that? Gwen and Jack planned an August trip to Tennessee and the Washington, D.C., area to see family and to get acquainted with the newest additions to their extended family.

Gwen passed along word that **Jane Yateman Spangler** had a knee replacement in June. Jane's daughter, Janet, said she was doing really well in rehab and expected to return home in mid-July. Keep up the good work, Jane. We've lost track of the many knee and hip replacements among our classmates but think it's wonderful that today's medical technology includes spare parts!

Gwen has kept in touch with **Virginia Wilson Woods** since they were roommates during Virginia's two years at Mary Washington. She finished her degree in Iowa, where she still lives. Virginia visited Atlanta in May and enjoyed the symphony and botanical garden. After the Atlanta traffic, she was glad to

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart '49 was in an episode of the Canadian TV series *Haven*, based on a Stephen King novel, and was doing a new NBC cop series called *Against the Wall*.

get back to a slower pace in Iowa. Virginia has four children who are out of state. She lives for visits from her grandchildren, two of whom are 30 miles away in Iowa City and are around to watch over her. Virginia takes their advice seriously and listens politely, she said ... then does her own thing!

At the end of the fiscal year in June, our Class of 1949

Scholarship endowment balance was \$54,437.45, with no new donations received during 2010-11. Our scholarship recipient, **Jennifer Gibbons '12**, received \$2,500 for 2010-11 and was awarded our scholarship again for her senior year, 2011-12. Jennifer, a historic preservation major from Roanoke, Va., is a member of the Historic Preservation Club, is president of the Civil War Reenactors Club, and aspires to be a curator or university history professor. We all should be proud of our ongoing endeavor to assist deserving students get an excellent education at an excellent school. It is likely that this year's program of underwriting a seat in the new William M. Anderson Center caused the redirection of some Fabulous Forty-Niner funds. Several classmates planned to attend the August dedication of that beautiful building honoring former President Anderson. This fiscal year, may we keep in mind our purpose in funding the class scholarship as our lasting legacy.

Once again, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed the preceding news. As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1950

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I am sorry to say that I do not have much news this time, but I do not like to see an empty space in the 1950 column, so here goes. My latest trip was a great Tauck tour of the Canadian Maritimes. I had been to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick quite a few years ago, but I had never been to Prince Edward Island.

Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni's granddaughter graduated from the University of West Virginia, and her younger sister is to graduate from Mary Washington in 2012. There is only one more grandson to go to college, and he wants to be a doctor. **Carol Bailey Miller** hoped to travel some with her sister, Ruth, who lives in Naples, Fla. Carol was to visit her on Thanksgiving, then go with her to Key West. Being on Virginia's Cumberland County Planning Commission and in charge of publicity for the county's garden club and chapter of the Red Hat

Society keeps Carol busy. **Mim Sollows Wieland**'s son, Tom, came across an old slide of Mim and her family at a garden party at Brompton, probably taken during our freshman year. Mim was in a fancy dress, holding on to her wide-brimmed white hat. Her mother and sister wore similar hats and gloves that matched their dresses. Do you remember those days?

I am sorry to read in the "In Memoriam" column the names of so many of our classmates. We can only look back and remember them fondly during those happy times on campus. Please contact me with news so the next column will be longer.

1951

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Ruth DeMiller Hill became a great-grandmother with the birth of Lilli, who lives in Wyoming with her parents. After 12 years, Ruth recently returned to her hometown of Mobile, Ala., 900 miles south of where she now lives in Angola, Ind. Her daughter, Ruth Alice Smith, drove her, and they visited relatives and friends, one of whom was **Catherine Burns Foster**, who attended Mary Washington in 1948-49. Catherine has seven children and 14 grandchildren, and her youngest daughter was expecting again. Catherine lived on the third floor of Willard Hall.

Ruth made the trip to gather genealogical information and to see about arranging her funeral and selling cemetery lots. "Anyone want to be buried in the sunny South?" Ruth asked. Funeral costs made her decide to die a Yankee, having been one for 54 years. At least the genealogy search was successful. They located the graves of Ruth's great-great-grandmother and great-half-uncle. Ruth had searched for more than 30 years for information about the death of her great-grandfather, Alf DeMiller, who was killed in 1862 at the Battle of Corinth in Mississippi. In a Mobile museum, the two Ruths located a diary written on the battlefield by the great-half-uncle that stated that Alf had been killed.

In October, Ruth talked to **Betsy Fletcher Adams**, who was

getting ready to leave for Rome with her daughter. Husband Bill continues to recover from injuries suffered in a spring auto accident.

1952 *Reunion Weekend*

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1953

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1954

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Many thanks to those few who contacted me. I know July is a busy time of year for all.

I planned to travel in late July to Yellowstone for a few days with my niece, my two daughters, and their spouses, and to visit afterwards with **Carolyn Jenkins** and Bob in California. My son and his family were to take care of my two cats while they continued to house hunt in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Linda LeHardy Sweet's twin granddaughters were born in June in New York City. They were preemies but had made it to more than 6 and 7 pounds. Linda went up to New York to help for the first 10 days, and it was a joy! She said, "I should be their great-grandmother, so I just pray for strength and energy to keep up with them."

Carolyn Osborn Jenkins, who lives in Carmel-by-the-Sea, planned a September cruise to Venice, stopping at small ports down the Adriatic, and going to Greece and Turkey, where she was to stay on for a cooking class.

I received a postcard from **Helen Wilbur Vogel**, who was enjoying a wonderful Alaskan cruise with a friend from her "Woodies" days. They saw a 25-story iceberg cave in Glacier Bay and lots of whales and other sea life, and they took the 12-hour bus trip into Denali National Park, where grizzly bears performed for them. Helen planned to make her annual trek to Chautauqua, Pa., in early August.

Let us hear from you!

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Please send some news to your new class agent, and I'm certainly going to try to be a better correspondent in the future. Thanks, everybody, and love y'all!

1955

Christine Harper Hovis
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News is a little on the thin side this time, so I presume everyone is out having the time of their lives! I would prefer that to the time of *my* life, which includes visits to various doctors (who all seem to be 12) and ladies luncheons where we discuss various parts of the body that are descending or need shoring up. But, what the hay – I'm still here, well seasoned as I may be! I'm

Bev Almond Tucker '56 is a farming gal, making hay driving an air-conditioned tractor.

still working, though fewer days a week, because I do still enjoy the little kids and their deadly honesty. I've found that you can get away with saying anything that pops into your mind if you are under 6 or over 70. My granddaughter was to come back to San Luis Obispo, Calif., for her senior year in high school after a wonderful year in Germany and Europe. Her family was to go get her and take the grand tour, while their two black labs vacationed at the Casa Hovis. Fortunately, they are both 7, so I may not have to chase them down at the park!

Sally Hanger Moravitz's granddaughter was to attend UMW this fall, and son Mike received a green hood for earning a doctor of philosophy in history from George Mason University. In May, the Moravitzes went to

their cottage on the Chesapeake Bay, where **Ann Doumas** and Bill joined them. They all toured Solomons Island, where they hunted for fossils and fished.

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth described many doctor visits for cataract removal and lid lifting. In May, she and Chris went to the Ukraine with two other couples, spent three days in Vienna after the trip, and saw the Lipizzaner horses rehearse.

Eileen West Grenfell related the death of **Eileen Cella Manze** in April. She passed away at a hospital in Florida and was to be cremated and buried with her husband, Al, in Trenton, N.J. We will all miss her greatly.

In March, **Nancy Shope Armbruster** and Joe flew to Rome, went to Tuscany for a week, and spent two days in Florence. She thought Michelangelo's *David* was inspiring and added to her enjoyment by re-reading *The Agony and the Ecstasy* while traveling. They spent another week in Sorrento, did a lot of sightseeing in Pompeii and Naples, spent a day on the Amalfi Coast, then flew home. Nancy spent the summer recovering from eye surgery and wasn't able to drive for a while. She and Joe had a lot of visits from their children. Ellen lives in Santa Fe, N.M., and is chief counselor and director of testing at Tierra Encantada Charter School; Jean works for the Los Angeles County health department, writing grant proposals to improve children's health; Michael works in Indianapolis, where he has taught English at Arsenal Technical High School for 15 years; and Ed is an environmental engineer in Boulder, Colo.

Betsy Land Johnson didn't travel as much this year as last, but she and Dave did spend January through March in warm, sunny Fort Myers, Fla., an improvement over winter in Green Bay, Wis. She and her sister planned a boat trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow in September.

Carol Cooper sends a big thank you to all who donated funds for a seat, a gift from the Class of 1955, in the new William M. Anderson Center. It will have a plaque that says, "In Honor of MWC of UVA Class of 1955."

Archivist Focuses on Presidential Pictures

Janet McConnell Philips '77 got one of the first glimpses of the iconic White House image captured inside the Situation Room May 1: President Barack Obama, mouth tense, face full of consternation, sits amid his national security team awaiting news from Abbottabad, Pakistan.

A photograph taken later that evening shows the president in the East Room. The tension is gone. He is in mid-speech. Osama bin Laden, hunted for a decade, is dead, he announces.

Philips sifts through the thousands of daily photographs captured by four White House staff photographers who document a presidency. Some are mundane. Some, like this one, are monumental. Philips takes utmost care with each of them. As the White House photo archivist, she is on the front lines of the record books. She writes the captions and preserves them for the ages.

Philips has held this role through five administrations, beginning with Ronald Reagan in 1988. Her road to the White House began at Mary Washington.

Philips never imagined this life as a child growing up in Connecticut. Mary Washington did not seem so far-fetched. In her teens, Philips accompanied her mother, **Barbara-Ann "Bobbie" Hough McConnell '48**, to class reunions.

"The women were really sharp. Really fun," Philips said of her mother's classmates. "I wore my mom's college ring all the way through high school."

Mary Washington felt like home from the start.

"I have an incredible respect for the education I got there," Philips said.

She loved the picturesque campus, the intimacy of small classes.

Philips intended to major in art history. She chose religion after taking a class taught by David Cain, distinguished professor of classics, philosophy, and religion, and went on to receive a master's degree from Catholic University. "He made a powerful impression on me. I took every class he offered," Philips said of Cain. "He's a great lecturer. He just made you think."

While a student at Mary Washington, she visited the nation's capital every chance she got. "Anytime they had a bus going, I would get on it." By the time she graduated, her mind was made up: "I headed to Washington with a suitcase and kind of made my way."

Philips worked for a decade as a photo librarian at *The Washington Post* before landing in the White House. In the years since, she has watched technology evolve from film and fax machines to digital imagery and Flickr, a photo sharing website the White House uses so the rest of the world can get an up-close view of the daily life of the president and first lady.



White House photo archivist Janet McConnell Philips '77 has preserved the images of five administrations spanning nearly a quarter century.



Bob McNeely

In 1995, President Bill Clinton asked to hold Philips' son, Will, outside the West Wing, and the rest is photo history. Philips hopes that Will, who is 16, will carry on the Mary Washington tradition started by her mother, Bobbie Hough McConnell '48.

"People say, 'You've done the same thing for 23 years,'" Philips said. But, "it's always stimulating. It's always different."

Soon after the birth of her son, Will, in 1995, Philips brought him to the West Wing, where they encountered then-President Bill Clinton and an entourage of Secret Service agents.

The entourage eyed her. The president walked up and began a conversation.

"He just talked to me for like five minutes, and then said, 'Do you think he'd come to me?' And I just handed him over. I have the coolest picture of President Clinton holding my son," Philips said.

Will is 16 now.

Recently, she drove him by her alma mater. "I'm hoping my son will go there, too," she said. "I keep pushing Mary Washington."

- Kristin Davis

Carol hopes that the Class of 1955, though long gone, won't be forgotten – as if! So when we all get back to UMW, we can sit in "our" chair. Thank you to all the donors: **Mary-Margaret Papstein Carter, Sally Watson Castle, Carol L. Cooper, Anne Rohrbach Culwell, M. Ann Strickler Doumas, Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher, Polly Stoddard Heim, Jane Johnson Jones, Charlotte Fisher Klapproth, Ann Hungerford McKinlay, Sally Hanger Moravitz, Mary Patteson Morgan, Phyllis Melillo Shanahan, Joan Ferrall Shaw, and Ann Shumate.**

One more comment: How often have you put down a piece of paper or other object and turned around to find it's vanished into thin air? Then you have to waste time hunting it down. It frustrates the heck out of me. So, I'm at work doing this for the umpteenth time when one of my employees walks in and inquires about my activities. She looks at me a moment and then says, "Well, every day is just an Easter egg hunt for you, isn't it?" So that's now our catch phrase at work. Now, when one leaves, the benediction is, "May the egg be with you." So that is my wish for all of you. And send news!

1956

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Special credit goes to those in our class who made it to our 55th reunion. Although I didn't get to speak to everyone, those on the roster included **Beverly Almond Tucker, Suzanne Borke Grasberger, Aldeen Burton Markle, Connie Crigler, Sandra Cutchins Pittman, Margaret Dorsey Purser, Mickey Foley McDaniel, Mary Goode Henry, Connie Hook Felvey, Marion Hoyt Lee, Ann Mitchell Wood, Carole Petley Toone, Beth Poteet Pollard, Eleanor Pratt, Page Richardson Coulthard, Marge Uhler Adcock, Angela Walton Barksdale, and Nanalou West Sauder.**

I received a thank-you note from **Marge Uhler Adcock**. She enjoyed hearing President Richard V. Hurley's update on Mary Washington and eating lunch with current UMW students on Saturday. The

highlight of the weekend for many of us was dinner with the Hurleys at Brompton. They are a great addition to UMW. Marge related that Emma Spears Ellis was on a trip to Paris while her classmates toured the much-expanded UMW campus. **Peggy Wood Wright** was absent from our midst, attending graduations of four grandchildren. Her husband, Ed, died Oct. 31, 2010.

Bev Almond Tucker is a farming gal, making hay driving an air-conditioned tractor. She has two children and four grandchildren. **Suzanne Borke Grasberger** is surrounded by children and grandchildren who live nearby, and she volunteers at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and at her church school. **Angela Walton Barksdale** moved to Richmond and is a member of the Colonial Dames of America. **Beth Poteet Pollard** is an honorary member of her garden club and a volunteer for the Petersburg Area Art League and Preservation Virginia. **Connie Hook Felvey** plays tennis, kayaks, and belongs to a reading club in which members read different books rather than everyone reading the same one.

Stokey Saunders Scott and **Ozzie Mask** planned to attend the reunion, but last-minute health concerns kept them from joining us. **Carole Petley Toone** invited **Ann Wood** and me to a July lunch at her home before her annual trip to Barnegat Lighthouse in New Jersey to visit her sister. She also planned to visit **Jeanetta Bishop Patane**, whose husband, Bob, died in July 2010. Carole was recognized for her volunteer work teaching ESL at the Culpeper Literacy Council.

1957 *Reunion Weekend*
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You all are the greatest! Thank you for responding to my email for news. Numerous classmates have told me how pleased they have been to receive news of you all through *Class Notes*.

Mary Montague "Monti" Sikes was to have another book, *Jungle Jeopardy*, published in August. She uses her experiences visiting Maya ruins as part of the plot and has a series of large

acrylic paintings, *Revisiting the Maya of Central America*, which she plans to exhibit in connection with the book. Another book, *A Rainbow for Christmas*, is due out later this year. Last March Monti visited Mary Washington to present a writer's workshop in Lee Hall, sponsored by the University Bookstore, where some of her books are available. In July, she spoke on two panels and served as a moderator on a third for the Public Safety Writers Conference in Las Vegas. She would be happy to speak to classmates' book clubs or at arts centers. Many of her paintings are 4-by-6 feet, and she would love to schedule a show in conjunction with a talk by an expert on the Maya.

Barbara Craft Grantz and husband Walt are "still perking along" and spent Easter with **Helen Grantz Fortner**. After all these years, they still laugh like they did at Mary Washington, only now it's with white hair and wrinkles. Barbara and Walt left Peru in 1969 and looked forward to seeing what's changed during a trip back for an archeological theme tour in July. Barbara met **Martha Jane "Marty" Spilman '59** at a woman's club meeting, where she recognized her MWC ring as she poured tea. It is a small world!

Kay Nelson Richardson and husband Clay haven't done anything exciting this year because of his illness and rehab, but things were looking up since he got a pacemaker. We wish Clay a rapid recovery! Kay emails and exchanges jokes about retirement and old age with **Nancy Hallett Guest**, who is always on the go with husband Harry. I got a chuckle from an email from **Joyce Bistrow Wrestler** that said, "Sorry, no news, as they say, that's 'fit to print.'"

Charlseey McFarlane De Lorenzo sent the news of the death of her former roommate, **Isabella Phillips**, who passed away in January from lymphoma. Charlseey was shocked; they attended our 50th UMW reunion together in 2007 and she saw her frequently when traveling to Sarasota, Fla., to visit two of her daughters and their families.

Nancy Hallett Guest and husband Harry spend the winter in Vail, Colo. Their twin granddaughters come to ski every weekend, and Nancy enjoys the time with them. She doesn't ski anymore, but between Harry and their son, Jim, the girls have excellent instruction. Nancy volunteers at the local hospital, and they stay home for the summer in Albany, N.Y., where they are busy with their younger son, who lives in Short Hills, N.J., and thinks nothing of hopping on his bike and riding to Albany.

Barbara "Bobbi" Falkenbury Wright and Jim have enjoyed traveling while they can to far-flung places these past few years. They took a boat trip through the Low Countries in Europe and visited old friends in the United Kingdom on their return home. Barbara visited her daughter and family in South Carolina, where she watched their two granddaughters' ballet practices and soccer games. She rented a car ("... a white Jeep for this old granny!") and drove to Georgia, where she joined forces with fellow alumnae at **Patsy**

Carole Petley Toone '56 was recognized for her volunteer work teaching ESL at the Culpeper Literacy Council.

Whitmire Culberson's home on Lake Lanier. They meet with **Nancy Moore Cavins** of Florida, **Patricia "Patty" Falkenbury Cook** of Atlanta, and **Mary Frances Pierce Burton** of Rochester, Minn., every couple of years and have the best time ever, remembering, teasing, and most of all, laughing!

Erna MacLaughlin Lawrence was honored in the spring by ISITC, a financial services industry group she was associated with before retiring. This was only the second time their Standard of Excellence Award has been granted, and Erna was surprised and thrilled. The award, a beautifully etched 6-inch Tiffany crystal disc, is given to a former ISITC member in recognition of lifetime achievement. Congratulations, Erna!

Elizabeth "Libby" Fordham had a splendid spring visit with **Florence "Foncie" Lawrence Williamson**.

Mark your calendars for Reunion Weekend, June 1-3. Classes ending in 2s and 7s, from 1942 through 2007, will be celebrated. Hope to see you all there!

1958

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1959

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Lucas and grandmother had three exciting days together in June while Virginia and Matt tried to get some R-&-R. At 2, Lucas is putting sentences together very quickly.

Celeste Shipman Kaufman was in Lafayette, La., for a golf tournament during Mardi Gras. Pug and Alan had just left Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., where they saw **Pamela Raumitz Laveck** and had a long lunch. Austin, the son of Pug's daughter, Julie, graduated from the University of Alabama in May and has two years of track eligibility. Sister Francie is a freshman at the University of Alabama, and sister Sarah runs district track. Smylie, the son of Pug's son, Jeff, is a freshman at Louisiana State University and plays golf. Pug and Alan went to New York before Christmas, and then headed to Nassau. Next they planned a trip to Oregon and a visit with **Frances Burke Firth**.

Martha Spilman Clark wrote that after 42 years Paul is stepping down as general director of Scripture Union Peru, however, he will continue to work in another unit. Thankfully, all 16 schools are back together after terrible floods in Peru. Would you believe they taught 41,800 students weekly?

Mary Fried Downing and Glenn celebrated their 50th anniversary in July. **Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs** and Archie celebrated their daughter and family's return from Vietnam in June and expected **Audrey Dubetsky Doyle, Gloria Winslow Borden, Sigrid Stanley Jackman, and Marianne Carrano Raphaely** to attend.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers went on a Danube River cruise in April, spent a few days in Prague, and planned to be in Budapest for

Easter. Irene took her annual ski trip to Crested Butte, Colo., with friends in January, and traveled from there to Las Vegas, then home. She said that all is well with **Ann Stephens Watkins** and Bob. **Nancy Brewer McCarthy** broke her ankle, so it has been slow going for her. **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** and Jim celebrated Phyllis' birthday in June at the Franciscan Crab Restaurant in San Francisco, with a view of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. Son Phillip and family were there and planned to stay three weeks. The Rowleys planned to visit Canada in July.

1960

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We would like to celebrate the lives of our classmates and their loved ones.

Joyce Panciera Pippo's husband, Tony, wrote to say that Joyce passed on from pancreatic cancer in October 2010. They have a beautiful daughter, Emily, who is married to Michael Tracht; a 6-year-old grandson, Alex; and a granddaughter, Olivia, all of Atlanta. Tony and Joyce spent summers in Mystic, Conn., and winters in Coconut Grove, Fla. They had a wonderful life together.

Nancy Mann Kaplan's husband, David, wrote that Nancy's memory loss and mild cognitive impairment developed into Alzheimer's disease, and she is in assisted living. Nancy's older sister is affected, as well. **Janet Garriss Lewis**'s husband, Phil, passed away from cancer in May.

Betty Ditmars Prosser and David celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a garden party at their home, hosted by their daughter and her family. Fifty friends, from Maine to California, shared the special occasion, and Betty and David "renewed their contracts" for another 50 years. They looked forward to summer houseguests and Betty said, "In another life, I am going to operate a cozy country bed-and-breakfast in this nice old farmhouse." We hope you caught the *Survey Says* article, which opened with Betty's

remarks, in the spring issue of this magazine. Thanks for representing us so well, Betty.

Joanne Lister Jacobs and husband Frank also celebrated their 50th. Their children gave them a wonderful party at a local restaurant with all their friends and relatives. Joanne continues her work as a speech pathologist with a private pediatrics firm. **Jude Wandell Potter** and her husband celebrated her May birthday by flying to Greece and Turkey.

Cyd Day Getchell thanked us for remembering her birthday and said her wish would be to turn the clock back 40 years! She spent her birthday weekend getting a herding instinct certification for the German shepherd puppy she got last fall and was training it for next year's title. Cyd once bred 40 champion show dogs but said that as a breeder-owner-handler that was a walk in the park by comparison. She is a new member of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

Sue Whidden

Frisch enjoyed April botanical travels, exploring flora throughout North Carolina. They explored the Croatan National Forest with friends in Morehead City, visited Bonehenge, the site of the reconstruction of a sperm whale skeleton, and saw several Wilmington-area nature reserves. Places they visited include the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area, Swift Creek, Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve, the North Carolina Botanical Garden, and the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest near Asheville. They traveled home via the Blue Ridge Parkway and detoured to the top of Mount Mitchell, the highest peak in the eastern United States. Upon return, Sue said that Norfolk, Conn., seemed tame, and she was planning her next trip.

In response to the birthday card we sent, **Natalie Robins Lehmann-Haupt** said she had spoken to Sue, whose father is, of course, our Dean Whidden. He is 106, lives near Sue in Connecticut, and, aside from some hearing loss, was doing fine! Nat is a prominent New

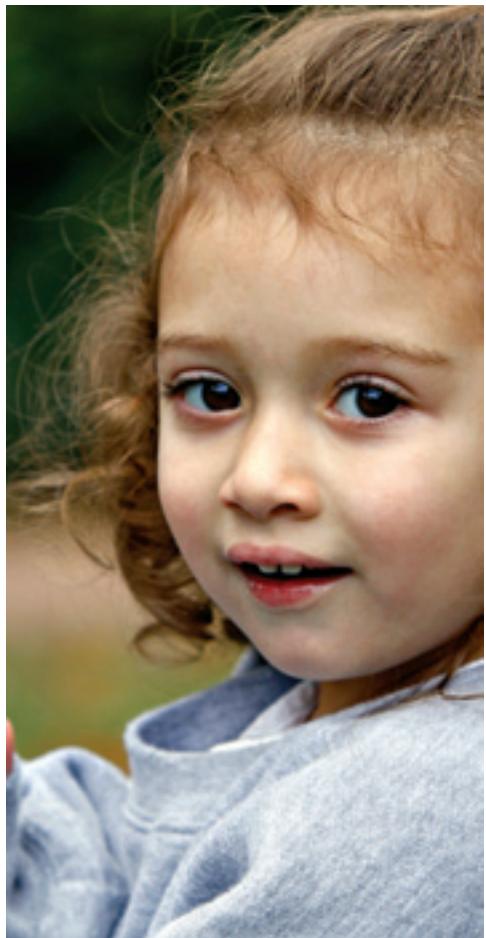
York-based author, who has written several novels. Her husband, former publisher Christopher Lehmann-Haupt, and their daughter, are authors, as well.

Syd Collson Chichester

had a super birthday with her daughter at their family reunion at Glencairne, the Chichester farm in Virginia. Syd enjoyed seeing friends she hadn't seen in years at the Class of 1961's farewell brunch at UMW. She chatted with **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** '61, whose sister, **Cary Tilton Doyle**, is in our class but not on our radar – does anyone have her address? She also spoke with **Polly Updegraff**, **Peggy Howard**, **Ellen Gotwald**, **Renee Levinson**, and **Caroline Crum**. Syd wrote, "Their class won the Triple Crown – all three of the Eagle awards. The 'devil class' raised more than \$2,700,000 for the University! Quite a feat, huh? They had 67 returnees." (Note from your agents: You know this is a challenge for our 55th reunion coming up four years from now, so get ready!)

The father of Sue Whidden Frisch '60 is our Dean Reginald Whidden, who at 106 lives near Sue in Connecticut, and, aside from some hearing loss, was doing fine!

Syd bought a winter home in Florida on the St. Johns River, fell in love with the area, and stayed well after the season ended this year. After the reunion in June, she drove back to Florida with **Gay Hall Sullivan**, whose new home is near Syd's. They had a small kennel on the drive for their two rescue dogs and a long-haired Chihuahua. **Patty Connolly** visited Syd, fell in love with Vero Beach, and planned to return next year. Syd and Patty had lunch with **Nancy Cleaves Blaydes**, who also wintered there. Syd volunteered at the Indian River Environmental Learning Center and led canoe trips, joined the Vero Beach Museum of Art where she was delighted to see a painting by Gari Melchers, and mentored a high-schooler who became like a granddaughter to her. Syd said, "Guess you can take the teacher out of the classroom but not the classroom out of the teacher!"



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Pat Garvin Dyke, Shelby Davis Porter, Bayla Goldberg Manis, and Marietta "Jo" Ames Steinberg sent greetings. Shelby reminisced about school days shared with Janet Garriss Lewis. Liz Hill Heaney and Bob are always busy – staying out of “the proverbial” trouble.

Teresa Horseman Ammon and her husband are avid gardeners in Atlanta, where they had what they felt was their most beautiful yard ever this year. Teresa sent a gorgeous picture of it. **Sue Whidden Frisch** sent a picture of her home in the snow. Accomplished artist **Gray Sheaffer Dodson** shows her work online. Another artist, **Joyce Neil Krost**, returned from her travels abroad and added a gray calico cat to her family. Her marketing director was developing a website for her work.

Jeanette Meyer Juren and husband Hal learned a lot of Russian history and saw amazing palaces and churches during a cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow. They wore jackets, hats, and sweaters on the trip and returned to 90-degree weather in Norfolk, Va. **Sarah Forsyth Donnelly** enjoyed spring in Albemarle County, Va., but complained about having to weed. The lefty promptly broke her left wrist and had to weed right-handed. Sarah and her former UVa. roommate visited Washington, D.C., touring the Capitol and other sites. Sarah's wrist was healing well, and she happily reported that the titanium in it did not set off any metal detectors.

Darrell and **Karen Larsen Nelson** traveled to Las Vegas to meet their new twin great-grandchildren, a boy and a girl, Brynn and Seth, and to visit their daughter and all three granddaughters. From Las Vegas, they took the long way home through southern Utah, stopping at Bryce Canyon National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Monument Valley. They took another spontaneous trip in their RV in September.

Jody Campbell Close spent a week with her sons and their families in Virginia, then a week with her daughter's family in Seattle. The family reunions mean a lot to her as she lives in Florida and sees relatives

so rarely. Jody is on her way to professional certification in the study of genealogy. She completed 15 weeks of genealogy research study with Boston University and was working on several commissions in addition to her own family research. With help, she developed a successful nine-week workshop for Boy Scouts to earn their genealogy merit badges. Jody said, “It was so great to see their interest grow as they made discoveries about their families and about history, but their wizardry at the computers was humbling.”

Karen and Jody, your class agents, continue to publish a monthly news flash for those with email addresses and to send birthday greetings and condolences on behalf of the class. We hope these efforts help us remain close and keep our bonds alive. A note, especially to those without email – please send us news; we want to hear from you, too.

1961

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Jean Ryan Farrell sent this poem about our recent reunion:

*I went to my 50th college reunion,
And what did I expect to see?
A bunch of silver-haired ladies
None of whom remembered me.
A campus of tired old buildings
And well-worn paths that I once
walked,
Familiar but distant memories
Filled with ghosts who no longer
talked.
But time and space became
transcended
The moment that I saw –
My friends so full of life and beauty
As if no time had passed at all.
My girls-only liberal arts school
Has since become a coed university
With grand restored and brand new
buildings
Meeting the needs of the 21st century.
What a joy – three fun-filled days*

*To renew friendships with those we knew,
To remember again our hopes and dreams
Some of which actually came true!
Our education hasn't ended for we are
growing still,
Living lives of love and honor, our
destiny to fulfill.
Thanks to all who came, and to all of
those who could not,
And those who live in memory, who
share our lifelong walk.*

Marcia Minton Keech also summarized her reunion experience. “How to begin to explain how much our 50th celebration meant to my heart and soul? There were classmates I hugged and cried with ... There were classmates I was acquainted with but now had the opportunity to get to know better, and what a joy that became.” She said that from the moment she and Bill arrived, everything went like clockwork, thanks to **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom, Sylvia McJilton Woodcock**, and the wonderful alumni staff. The informal barbecue on Thursday evening at Belmont was a great way to meet everyone and simply relax and reminisce. **“Polly Updegraff Champ** was the perfect emcee, coaxing all into memories and laughter.”

It was difficult to choose from the Friday Alumni College offerings, which included Civil War tours, tours of campus and Eagle Landing, exhibits at the UMW Galleries,

wonderful workshops, fantastic topics, and our own Virginia Poet Laureate **Kelly Cherry**. The highlight of the afternoon was the opening reception on the lawn at Brompton. President Richard V. Hurley and his gracious wife, Rose, opened their home and grounds to all. The Class of 1961 walked across the street to our reunion dinner at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. **Barbie Upson Welch** emceed, **Lynda Foster Moore** delivered the invocation, Sylvia introduced President Hurley for his toast to the class, and William B. Crawley was keynote speaker. We ended the evening with friends at the hotel.

On Saturday, President Hurley gave a University update, then it was on to more Alumni

College sessions, featuring phenomenal programs given by outstanding alumni and professors, including George Van Sant! At noon, we headed to the reunion picnic; we ate good food, chatted, and took lots of pictures. When the winner of the “Race for the Eagle” was announced, the Class of 1961 took all awards – the “trifecta,” as we named it – and rejoiced with great celebrating for the total of \$2,722,104.04 in gifts and pledges from 144 donors, for a 56-percent rate of giving!

The class meeting in Ball Hall was moving and emotional, as we remembered great times and deceased classmates and gave thanks to all who helped make this most memorable time a success. Scrapbooks, photos, and other memorabilia were fun to look at, and it ended with a beautiful party and cake presented by the Office of University Advancement. At a cocktail party later we helped present the school with the big check from all classes, followed by dinner at the Woodard Campus Center, where Lloyd Tilton Backstrom received the Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award. What a way to end the day! We said our goodbyes that evening, but if we had remained Sunday, we could have seen the new William M. Anderson Center.

“I couldn't be who I am without my experiences at Mary Washington.”

– **Pat Kenny '61**

What a weekend of celebrating wonderful memories, priceless friendships, and ever-growing pride in the school that prepared us for life. I was profoundly moved by the oneness we, as a class, shared with the school, and I will cherish it forever. UMW is exceeding in character and status with a fantastic president and his phenomenal organization. The future of UMW looks great. To all of the classmates who could not make it this time, we missed you. To all those who were there, thank you so much.

From Connie: Carolyn Crum Pannu had a marvelous trip with **Pat Scott Peck** along the East Coast, from Washington, D.C., up to Calais, Maine, stopping at the Anchorage by the Sea resort

in Ogunquit, Maine. Pat was a tireless hostess, showing Carolyn everything from her delightful town, across the river to Canada, and the towns of Prince Edward and Prince Andrews. They took side trips to Bar Harbor, Acadia National Park, and Campobello Island in New Brunswick. Finally they drove west to visit **Peggy Howard Hodgkins'** lovely summer home, took an overnight jaunt to her winter home, shopped at the renowned Renys, and met her friends and family. Carolyn planned to visit

Renee Laurents in Los Angeles for a weekend of fun in August. Carolyn joined the singles group Events and Adventures, heard the San Francisco Symphony in Golden Gate Park, and was looking forward to many activities and to branching out from incessant knitting. She said it was heartwarming to see dear friends from our first year, including **Sara Ellen Flowers McKinney** and **Mary Turner Willett**, as well as Walter, widower of **Vaughan Hargroves Scott**. Carolyn wrote, "Just want to tell everyone how much I enjoyed being surrounded by our beloved classmates on our beautiful campus ... and [we are] thrilled to have given all that we could to support our fabulous university! So many precious memories to treasure!"

Carole Grant LeMay said Reunion Weekend couldn't have been more perfect and thanked everyone who worked so hard to make it special. She and Ralph were updating their kitchen and great room and preparing for a cruise with their daughter and family that was to be a pre-50th-anniversary celebration. **Clara Sue Durden Ashley**'s husband, Clarence, has a book, *CIA SpyMaster*, that is available at the UMW Bookstore! **Maddy Contis Marken** was impressed with the reunion planning, the campus, and the Alumni College and Civil War walking tour. She enjoyed seeing everyone and meeting their husbands. She planned to travel to Turkey this fall.

Elizabeth "Bitsy" Wright Coxe (Connie's sophomore roomie) wrote, "You have thanked me for bringing you to Mary Washington! Now it is my turn to thank you for bringing me back!" She had a wonderful time, felt fortunate that the weather was beautiful and

everything went smoothly, and already was looking forward to our 55th! Bitsy wrote, "I have told so many people about it, and they are all in awe! I don't think any other college could put on such a first-class reunion weekend." On Sunday, she and friend George Sack "did" Fredericksburg, seeing Chatham, Kenmore, and St. George's Church; taking a historic walk through town; and dining overlooking the river. On the way home, they visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico.

Leading up to the reunion, I heard from several classmates who were unable to come. **Betty Meaders-Lynch** of Seattle was looking forward to retiring from a lifetime of teaching and to caring full time for her new grandson, while her son and daughter-in-law returned to work. She misses **Maria Rahola Endries** and **Charlotte Vaughan**, who have passed on; the East Coast; the beautiful Virginia countryside; and many friends and roommates. Betty wonders about **Becky Johnson**, who lived in Annapolis, Md.

Pat Kenny wrote, "I couldn't be who I am without my experiences at Mary Washington." Her bachelor's degree allowed her to land a lab tech job

with the National Institutes of Health, be accepted to the art-as-applied-to-medicine master's program at Johns Hopkins, and enjoy a 30-plus-year career as a medical illustrator at NIH. While there, she

became interested in alternative ways of addressing disease, such as through nutrition, gardening, and the study of botanical healing. Pat's herb study group concentrates on the rose family, and, she wrote, "that botany class with Miss Parrish comes in handy today." She hoped to attend the Herb Society of America's Educational Conference and Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh in June with her sister, Mary Ann, a New Jersey lawyer.

Carlotta Croghan Clark had to abandon hopes of attending reunion after a trip to Europe ended up with a bout of pneumonia, but she applauded the hard work that went into

the planning. She is OK now. **Marie Butler Skalski** was unable to attend reunion but sent greetings and well wishes. She was dismissed from her sales position at J.C. Penney in late April. **Dixie Babb Rucker** sent her best. She wasn't up to the reunion in June as she had just returned from Norway and planned to travel again in May. **Kay Gamble Reinehr**, business manager for Mark Twain Library in Redding, Conn., was unable to attend Reunion Weekend because of the close of the library's fiscal year and training for a new operating system.

I want to add that, at the farewell brunch on Sunday at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, we enjoyed the company of current students – at our table was a dynamic chemistry major from Delaware. I am glad to hear such positive remarks about the reunion booklet, and I thank all who contributed information and memories. Lynne and I are happy to have Renee back as a class agent! We will send you our news via email so you get it in a timely manner. It will still be in the magazine, probably critically edited. The next news deadline is March 15. Keep those UMW bonds connected!

A January trip to Egypt found Patricia Mackey Taylor '62 in the midst of the Arab Spring's unrest. After unsuccessfully trying to leave, she was evacuated by the U.S. State Department.

From Renee: I still teach classes, including one on the Constitution; stay busy reading and going to the theater, concerts, movies, and the gym; and enjoy my dogs, Gracie and Buddy, and my cats, Dickens and Domino.

Becky Paris Spetz loved our reunion! She felt the years disappear, is proud to be part of the Class of 1961, and already was encouraging attendance for the 55th! She recommends reading two mysteries by our deceased classmate **Emyl Jenkins**, *Stealing With Style* and *The Big Steal*, the reviews of which were love letters to Emyl. Becky and hubby Wayne planned to visit his brother and family in Canada in July and in

September to stay in Siena during a Village Life trip to Tuscany through the Lehigh University Alumni Association. Becky walks five miles a day on level ground but took time out from her Appalachian Trail hiking due to hip problems. She plays duplicate bridge, takes yoga, gardens, is in a book club, and enjoys Lynchburg with Wayne. Becky doesn't like to talk about her activities but bit the bullet per my request. She is a great example of making the most out of life.

Donna Henninger

Henderson still lives on a dairy farm in Botetourt County, Va., and her son, who lives next door, works on it. Her grandchildren, ages 11, 13, and 15, keep her busy. Her daughter is married and lives in San Francisco. Donna retired from school administration but still substitute teaches and does lots of volunteer and church work, plays bridge, makes pickles, and plays golf. She treasures her years at Mary Washington and how her education influenced her life.

Pepper Jacobs Germer and Hank planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a Baltic cruise in August. They are involved with church, choir, special ministries, and Rotary Club, and they provide for sick friends. They travel to Memphis and planned an August trip to see their daughter, son-in-law, and 3-year-old grandson, Henry, outside of Houston. Pepper thought our reunion was wonderful and that everyone looked good. "Age 72 is a blessing."

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock had a houseful of company, with more coming. She posed the rhetorical question, "Wasn't the reunion wonderful?" Yes, Sylvia, thanks to you and Lloyd, and Amanda Carter, Cynthia Snyder, and the staff of the University Advancement and Alumni Relations offices, it was, indeed. Sylvia wrote, "It was really gratifying to see so many classmates attend. And the fact that we won all three categories was amazing. I am truly grateful for all who came and all who contributed to our class gift." Sylvia and Stuart planned to attend the ribbon cutting at the official August opening of the William M. Anderson Center, UMW's new state-of-the-art sports and convocation facility.

Sylvia noted that there is some interest in having a "mid-reunion" in a few years and urged classmates to let her know if they'd be interested.

OK, here are my two cents on reunion. It was fabulous! And we are properly very proud to have won the "trifecta!" The warmth and enthusiasm that infused every first sighting of one another, every event, and every singing of our *Alma Mater* made indelible marks on our hearts. One wonderful aspect of our long weekend was the way the years melted away; it was as if graduation day and this weekend were spliced together to form a seamless ribbon of happy memories of our college days. The sadness at the loss of 63 of our sisters (21 since the 45th reunion) and the lovely memories we hold of them were beautifully honored through the reading of each name by **Jean Ryan Farrell** and **Peggy Howard Hodgkins**, along with a presentation at the class meeting Saturday. The breathtaking beauty of the campus has not diminished. What a treasure we had in our years at MWC, the place that gave us a fine education in every way; we grew intellectually and socially as a result of all we learned there.

From Lynne: Our 50th reunion was absolutely marvelous. The University went all out for us, with each event carefully planned and beautifully orchestrated. Kudos to classmates Sylvia McJilton Woodcock and Lloyd Tilton Backstrom, and to Amanda Carter and Cindy Snyder of University Advancement and Alumni Relations, for all their hard work. Our new president, Richard V. Hurley, and his wife, Rose, are just what Mary Washington needs and will certainly help its reputation continue to improve. Attendance was phenomenal, with 73 classmates and 28 spouses and guests, many who had never before attended a reunion. Our years at Mary Washington were a special time in our lives, and the reunion reinforced our memories and friendships. Now for current news:

Sandy attended his first reunion with me, loved it, and said he'd like to return for our 55th! We've been busy since

then, with the Singapore son and family visiting for a month. Also, we have my 22-year-old cousin staying with us in the city while she does an internship. We have been taking small trips around New England (Vermont and Massachusetts) and spending weekends at our place in Litchfield, Conn.

Cynthia Scott Morcott of south Florida still rides horses and has five grandchildren. She and Woody travel a lot and were to spend the summer at their home in Dornoch in the Highlands of Scotland. She is sorry she missed the reunion and seeing suitemate **Peggy Howard Hodgkins**. **Sandy Walters Julifs** also wishes she could've

attended the reunion. Several grandchildren had graduations, and they were in the Los Angeles area for one of them during that time. As reported in the reunion booklet, Sandy is president/CEO of a nine-county community action agency, has been there for 38 years, and loves it!

Dannelle Simms Salmen had fun when two of their granddaughters, ages 10 and 15, visited from Florida. They spend winters in Mexico on the Sea of Cortez and summers in the "boonies" in New Mexico, with electricity in the house but no indoor plumbing. It's like being at camp and they love it! Their place is at an elevation of about 8,000 feet, so it is usually pretty cool and green, with a stream, irrigation ditches, and a small pond, but they were suffering a drought and had no water in the stream for the first time ever. It seems like the best of both worlds and they love both places. Dannelle is involved with fiber arts including spinning, dyeing, knitting, felting, etc.

In celebration of their 50th anniversary, **Jean Ryan Farrell** and Frank planned to spend a week at Lake Lanier near Atlanta in July with all of their sons and their families, including the ones from Singapore. Jean wrote, "Just a week ago we were all in Fredericksburg and now I am missing you all so much! Thank you for all you have done and are continuing to do for our class.

Having attended two previous UMW reunions and several at West Point, I feel that this was the best of all, in every way. I am more impressed with our alma mater than ever before and wish I could start all over again!" (Jean's beautiful poem about the reunion is warmly appreciated by all who were there!)

Jane Riles was to teach *plein air* painting in San Diego this summer. She and Jim were looking forward to a 30-day October cruise to the South Pacific, traveling from San Diego to Tahiti, Bora Bora,

After losing her husband and retiring, Linda DeAlba Filer '62 attended the police academy and is now a part-time detective's assistant.

French Polynesia, and Hawaii. In January, they were to go to Paris to get Jim's studio behind the Bastille Opera ready to put on the market, then head to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for the rest of the winter.

At 72, **Agnes Welsh Eyster** is busier than ever, continuing to be deeply involved in her art, including a recent project for the City of Houston's permits and code enforcement departments and the Green Building Resource Center, formerly a rice warehouse. It consists of a panel of etched steel, nearly 12-feet long, that fronts the lobby reception desk; 5-by-4-foot vertical side panels; and other long panels, in the lobby security area. Link to Artful Interventions, a blog about the project by friend Mary Margaret Hansen.

Becky Young Butler Guy of Fredericksburg, who is now a widow, sent a cute message explaining all her last names and wondering who her class agent should be. She was a Young when she arrived at Mary Washington, a Butler when she graduated, and a Guy when she remarried. **Judy Youngman Wigton** was happy **Carol Grant LeMay** convinced her to come to our reunion, her first! She raved about the campus, classes, teachers, and seeing friends after 50 years.

Anne Tetterton Jordan Madsen wasn't able to attend our reunion but had her own grand

reunion with **Janis Murphy Rifler**, who visited her afterward after not having seen her for nine years. They spent two days with **Barbie Sutton Wilder**, who was also unable to attend. Together they called **Mary Hall Richardson**, whom they hadn't seen since leaving campus. Anne transferred from Mary Washington after sophomore year, went on to earn her master's degree, and retired 14 years ago from a career as an educator. "My memories of Mary Washington and the friends I made there will never leave me."

Nancy Wright traveled to Yellowstone National Park with her granddaughter, who lives in Wisconsin. Nancy takes each granddaughter, when she is 10, on an inter-generational trip to a destination of the granddaughter's choosing. Previous such trips included Prince Edward Island and the Grand Canyon, and Nancy has two more to go.

Carolyn Spell Robertson celebrated her husband's 75th birthday with a family cruise, including their 4-year-old twin grandsons, on the *Disney Dream* in July. They had an outstanding experience on the *Disney Wonder* four years ago. **Judy Saunders Slifer**'s garden kept her busy making bread-and-butter pickles and freezing French green beans. She also hoped to make pesto with her basil and can tomatoes. She wanted to plan a trip to see the Copper Canyon by train, but Eleanore wanted to take a cruise to Ukraine.

1962 Reunion Weekend
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Greetings! I traveled to Egypt in January to visit the pyramids, sphinx, temples, and other historic sites. The trip was wonderful, but we were sightseeing during the Arab Spring, found ourselves in the midst of protesting and unrest, had a difficult time getting out of Egypt, and eventually were evacuated by the U.S. State Department – quite an experience to tell my grandchildren about. Our 50th reunion is right around the corner!

Linda DeAlba Filer has lived in Newport News, Va., since 1965 and taught in the local high school. After retiring from teaching and losing her husband to pancreatic cancer in 2004, she went to the police academy and is now a part-time detective's assistant. Son Todd is a homicide detective in Newport News. Daughter Cindy lives in Charlottesville and teaches at U.Va., and Cindy's husband works with graduates who live overseas. Linda's cousin married Mary Washington roommate **Marian Adams Spain**, they live in Edenton, N.C., and Linda hears from her frequently. She would love to hear from other classmates, too.

Beverly Sulpice Persell's 15-year-old granddaughter, Blaire, who lives in Temecula, Calif., visited her and her husband for 10 days in Alexandria, Va. They took her to the National Gallery of Art, the International Spy Museum, and the National Museum of Natural History, and they treated her to a scenic ride on a British-style double-decker tour bus. Bev keeps in touch with her Mary Washington "little sister," **Edna Knight Roberts '64**, who teaches French at George Mason's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Bev was looking forward to getting back to teaching after being housebound for two months with a herniated disc in her back and a pinched nerve in her hip. Glad you are recovering, Beverly, and, thanks for telling me about the death of **Louise Dunn Fuqua's** mother in New Iberia, La. Our thoughts are with you, Louise.

Joan Akers Rothgeb enjoys babysitting her red-haired grandson, who lives in Richmond. She and husband Eddie traveled to Baton Rouge, La., and Florida, where she met for coffee with **Beth Shailer's** widower. Joan, **Gale Taylor Drew**, and **Sue Grandy Farrar** attended the funeral for **Betsy Carper Cole's** husband, Buck. Betsy was doing well and planned to spend the summer in California with her son's family and to visit her other son on Pawleys Island, S.C., in the fall. Joan met **Donna Floyd Parker** and her sister this summer in Roanoke, Va., and was to meet **Maggie Walker** and **Bettie Kienast** for lunch in Charlottesville in July.

A correction from the last edition: **Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice** did not initiate TealToes.org, a nonprofit that educates the public about ovarian cancer; her daughter, Carey, did. Visit the site to learn more. **Ann Tench** and husband Jerry had a wonderful time at the Grand Canyon in May. Ann and **Mary "Wolfie" Maddrey Isenhour** both live in Emerald Isle, N.C., and see each other often. Ann planned to meet **Helen Alexion James**, **Emily Lewis**, and **Judy Lewis Clark '61** for an August mini-reunion at Helen's place in Virginia Beach. Ann added that Sue Grandy Farrar was enjoying her museum work in Christiansburg.

Diana Copple, **Nancy Powell Sykes**, and I planned to meet here in Hampton for lunch in July, but circumstances prevented it. I hope things work out better next year; I still want to see pictures of that beautiful grandson. **Kathy Clark Wary** and husband Dick were to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August and reaffirm their vows in their church. They invited all their original wedding attendants, including bridesmaids **Beverly Jacobson** and me, to the late August ceremony in Stockton, Calif. Nancy Powell Sykes, Kathy's Mary Washington roommate for three years, was to accompany us.

Patsy Barclift McDermott and husband Hugh took a Holland America Cruise from Seattle to Russia and experienced a 10-week odyssey, spending time in Japan and China; traveling to Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Australia; cruising to islands in the South Pacific; and heading to Hawaii. Patsy and Hugh traveled around South America for 40 days last year, so they were glad to stay home for a while.

Liz Kennedy Thomas wanted to know the date of our 50th reunion, and **Nancy Powell Sykes**, who is on the reunion committee, assured me that it's the first weekend of June 2012. Other committee members from our class are: **Bette Stewart Kienast**, **Emily Lewis**, **Maggie Walker MacAllister**, **Jane Walshe McCracken**, and

Marsha Lynn Wilkins. Let them know if you have suggestions or thoughts. Ladies, please mark your calendars; I hope all of us will be able to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event. In the meantime, keep me posted with your news.

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Once again, I've enjoyed talking to members of our class, many of whom I haven't seen since we graduated. I'm still working my way through the alphabet, so if I haven't contacted you, don't let that keep you from

Carol Hamblet Adams '65 takes acting classes in preparation for commercial auditions, and she still writes.

sending news to the above email address. By the time you read this, I hope we will have been able to implement **Joyce Rodgers Haddock's** suggestion to hold a Northern Virginia lunch, probably sometime in September, since there are so many of us in the area.

My husband, Jonathan, and I traveled again in May and June to Italy, where he likes to practice his Italian. We planned to go back to Lake George and Vermont in October. I planned to join the Boston Architectural College's garden tour of Argentina and Uruguay just before Thanksgiving, which is their spring. I lived for several years in Uruguay and look forward to returning to that beautiful part of the world. In May, we welcomed our seventh granddaughter; not a boy in sight!

Joyce Rodgers Haddock of Alexandria, Va., retired five years ago from teaching at private and public schools. Granddaughter Eva is 8, grandson Alex is 2, and grandson Adam is 6 months. **Faye "Russell" Hatcher** of South Jersey spends summers on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with family. After retiring from 30 years of teaching, she headed the preschool program at Woodland Country Day School in New Jersey. She enjoys

travel and church activities and has two daughters and five grandchildren. Russell has kept up with Mary Washington alumnae who were roommates in school, as well as later when she was working in Virginia Beach. She sees **Mary Saunders Latimer** of Suffolk, Va.; **Beth Lyle Turner** of Warrenton, Va., a retired radiologist who left after sophomore year; **Lois Smith McDaniel** of Gainesville, Va.; **Nancy Hersh Gibbs**, who divides her time between New Byrne, N.C., and Washington, D.C.; and **Sara Tarrant Bernert** of Richmond. Last year Russell visited **Beth Wharton Williams**, who lives in Austin, Texas, with husband Sam, and **Linda Herrold Hansen**, who lives in Georgetown, Texas, with husband Rick.

Peggy Perkins Hartman of Chesapeake, Va., is a retired Tidewater-area real estate agent. Her husband died last year, and she has two children and two grandchildren. She is in two bridge clubs and loves to travel. She visited South Africa in April and hopes to get to Kenya and Tanzania next year. For the moment, she was housebound with a new Scottie puppy to housebreak and four Himalayan cats. **Mary Stewart Booth Ruhnke** of Petersburg, Va., has two children and three grandchildren and goes to her beach house at Sandbridge in Virginia Beach in the summer.

Ann "Annie" Reardon Crowley of Madison, Va., joined **Nancy Pida Remmers '64** of Palm Coast, Fla., and **Lola Koller Sarsfield** of Dale City, Va., for a celebratory 70th birthday lunch in Manassas in June. Annie was completing her novel with help from a local writers' group she founded. Her husband, watercolorist Mack Rowe, built his own studio at their home earlier this year. In May, the Rowes launched the Art Ark, with parties for family, friends, and fellow artists of the Firnew Farm Artists' Circle, of which Mack is a member.

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Dear classmates, as this letter reaches you, summer will be long gone, but wherever

you were and whatever you did, I hope it was a long and happy time for each. A couple of "housekeeping" details: The news you send me is not published by UMW until about four months after they receive it. For example, the news you sent in March didn't appear until the summer issue, and the news you sent by July 1st is included in this issue. So, don't be distressed if your news doesn't appear right away. Along with your married name, don't forget to include your maiden name, as that is the way we all remember you! Please also remember that *UMW Magazine* staff does the final editing because of space limitations. Finally, if after a couple of issues you don't see your news, resend it to me. After all, it will be "new" news to all the rest of us!

I still work at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Conn., and led a group of colleagues to France in July. The religious order that founded our school began in France in 1800, and our trip was a pilgrimage to see places associated with our foundation. One stop was the Rodin Museum in Paris, which was le Sacré-Coeur, our school in Paris, from 1820 to 1905. We now have schools all over the world, from Greenwich and New York City, where Ruth Pharr Sayer's granddaughter is a student, to Japan, India, Italy, and Scotland.

Lyle Fowlkes is a government relations consultant, a.k.a. lobbyist, for Alexander & Cleaver, an Annapolis, Md., law firm that works with groups such as Lockheed Martin, the Discovery Channel, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and medical professionals. She and her partners have grown the firm from 25 clients to more than 70 in the 13 years she has been with them. Lynn bikes and travels, most recently to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Brittany in France, and San Salvador Island in the Bahamas. She said she can't believe she's still working (I think there are a number of us out there, Lyle!) and sends best regards.

Melinda Wilson Watterson of Miami, Okla., has been widowed since 2005; her late husband of 42 years, Chuck, was a veterinarian in Miami. Daughter Melissa and granddaughter Meredith live

Marketing Guru Guides Clients Through Social Media

Even before he became part of it, **Dave Saunders** '90 had a feel for the business world and the social scene that supports it. When he graduated from the University of Mary Washington, he said, it was common for colleagues to gather on Monday morning to chat about the weekend or share wallet-sized photos of their kids.

"Today we don't share it with two or three people around the water cooler, we share it with 500 friends on Facebook," Saunders said. "We live in the information age, but we're not all cognizant of how information is accessed and disseminated."

Saunders makes it his job to know – and he helps small and midsize companies navigate that fast-paced, quickly changing world. As president, founder, and chief idea officer at Madison+Main, a marketing and new media firm with offices in Richmond and Virginia Beach, Saunders is considered an expert in the field.

When he started the firm in 2005, he saw potential in smaller companies and opportunity in emerging media. Today he uses Twitter, Facebook, and other online applications to reinforce company brands and enhance traditional advertising, marketing, and public relations. Many of Madison+Main's clients have blossomed throughout the economic downturn, and they have repaid Saunders with extraordinary loyalty.

"I'll take a client with a bigger idea than bank account any day," Saunders said. "The concept here was to bring Madison Avenue ideas to Main Street clients. We came up with a flexible working model that allowed us to really make a difference for these companies."

With a Mary Washington English degree in hand, Saunders headed west in the early '90s and started a Los Angeles-based advertising and design firm in a friend's garage; it quickly outgrew those headquarters. Saunders sold the successful firm, became marketing program director for the *Los Angeles Times*, and, after 11 years in L.A., returned to Virginia to be marketing manager for Media General, owner of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

The big change came in 2005: Saunders quit his job, borrowed \$25,000, and started a one-employee company. Six years later, Madison+Main is a multimillion-dollar operation with 15 employees, 42 subcontractors, 12 strategic partners, and 58 clients.

Saunders' reputation grew with his company, and in 2008, he taught the nation's first interactive social media undergraduate course at Virginia Commonwealth University. He guest lectures at VCU, and he does training at the school's Center



At his marketing and new media firm
Madison+Main, **Dave Saunders** '90 uses online applications like Twitter and Facebook to help companies grow. The chief idea officer and president of the multimillion-dollar business said his liberal arts education taught him to think big.

for Corporate Education. He speaks to businesses about new media and corporate responsibility, and his pocket guide of marketing strategies for small-business owners is due out next fall.

Saunders' key responsibilities aren't all business. He has two children, he coaches baseball, and he chaperones choir trips.

UMW's diverse curriculum and student body broadened his worldview, Saunders said. He remembers "amazing" professors and distinguished visitors in residence, including consumer activist Ralph Nader and civil rights leader James Farmer. Gershon Greenberg lectured about Judaism, which Saunders, a self-described "hillbilly Methodist from Lynchburg, Va.," said he found fascinating.

He learned about politics, the press, and public relations from political science professor Mark Rozell. Saunders found his niche as the editor of *The Bullet* student newspaper, and he juggled sports-related jobs at Mary Washington and at *The Free Lance-Star*.

Saunders credits Mary Washington for his ability to "wear a lot of hats."

"I think a liberal arts college that has an excellent campus life and rigorous academics prepares people for the 21st century better than a major university," Saunders said. "The most valuable people that are coming out of school today are generalists."

– *Tierney McAfee '07*

just a few blocks away. Daughter Juli and grandsons Jack and Charlie live in Norman, Okla., and enjoy family visits as often as possible. Melinda and friend John enjoy travel. I found **Susan Orebaugh Nicholson's** blog makethemenu.com and her book *7-Day Menu Planner for Dummies* very helpful.

Lynne Vanden Bulcke **Libuha**, who is from Mount Kisco, N.Y., married in Bedford Village, right near where I have lived since the early '70s. Lynne keeps in touch with her five suitemates. The last issue of *UMW Magazine* featured a photo in *Get the Picture* that may be my former suitemates, **Jeanne Klix Luce, Helen Clark, and Jere Menegus Lloyd**. If you still have your magazine, take a look and see if I am correct. The photo was a "true blast from the past!"

Sharon Haythorne Stack has spent lots of time with family and friends after husband John passed. She said **Linda Frederickson Boudman**'s father died in March. Linda retired in April after a long career with Verizon and has spent much time helping her mother with paperwork. Sharon's humor is as great as ever; she and I spent several years of our youth laughing our heads off, something we repeated at our 45th class reunion!

A regular correspondent to class news is **Ruth Pharr Sayer** of Princeton, N.J. Ruth and I keep trying to plan a "mini-reunion" in New York City, but something always gets in the way. Let's go for it, Ruth! Ruth is feeling much better after a hip replacement in September 2010 and subsequent spinal surgery, and she planned to spend part of the summer on Nantucket. She still sells real estate, and her new grandson – one of seven grandchildren, only one of which is a girl – has her maiden name as his middle name. Ruth's Mary Washington friend, **Margaret Goode Watkins** of Calvert County, Md., lost her husband, Grant, last spring. Margaret is retired, spends summers in the Adirondacks, and stopped to visit Ruth in Princeton on the way home last year. **Betsy Van Leer Albaugh '60** of New Bern, N.C., read our news and asked if anyone remembers **Sharon Price Quill '62**, who recently died of cancer.

Patti Jones Schacht said the June heat in Florida was "infernal." She met cousins for a family reunion in Virginia then did some genealogy work in North Carolina, where her ancestors had a land grant from the British Crown. She and her husband were "parenting" again; their 22-year old granddaughter was doing *pro bono* fundraising and computer work as an intern at a center that teaches life skills to underprivileged youth in Washington, D.C. Patti said many of the children have received scholarships and become the first in their families to go to college.

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I continue to travel, mostly to California now, since both of my children and their families live there. My son, Frank, was to deploy to Afghanistan in July on the *USS John C. Stennis* as a department head in a squadron of F/A-18 Hornets. He enjoys flying, but being separated from family is hard. My daughter, Ashley, loves being an at-home mom for her 1-year old. If you are in the Atlanta area, please call or visit. And keep those emails coming!

On my annual trip to Virginia Beach in April, I had dinner with **Mary Lou Skeeter Murray**, whose husband, Mike, is still with the Navy in St. Louis, where she spends long weekends. His assignment will end this summer and he'll head back to Virginia. I also lunched with **Lee Smith Musgrave**, who gave me a fabulous Japanese painting she created; I hung it in my front hall. **Sue Wooldridge Rosser** and I speak frequently on the phone and started Skyping. One of her daughters is moving to Atlanta, where her son already lives, so I expect she'll get this way more often. In May, I visited **Penny Partridge Booth** in Holly Springs, N.C., and met her daughter, Trisha, and her family. Like Penny, they are beautiful and smart. We stayed up late reminiscing about college and comparing health issues. Penny was to take care of grandsons in New England for two weeks in

July, visit **Patty Boyette Taavoste** to exchange ideas about winter projects, then head home to do a craft show featuring her amazing handiwork and get ready for the beach with daughters Lisa and Trisha and their families. During her spring trip to Alaska, Patty visited her brother, drove on the Seward Highway, flew in tiny planes, and boated in Prince William Sound, taking in the wildlife and mountains. She and Heino spent a June weekend in Washington, D.C., where she received honors for her teaching. Heino had back surgery in December and, after more than three years fighting Lyme disease, is approaching normal strength and stamina.

Barbara Jones Bailey and husband Wayne are retired but still have a beef cattle farm. They visit their three grown children in Chesterfield County, Va., and Allentown, Pa. Their daughter in Fort Irwin, Calif., was to move to Newport, R.I., in July. Barbara and Wayne have six granddaughters and an infant grandson. **Phyllis Cornett Mitchell** and Jim, her husband of 46 years, have lived in the Memphis area since 1975 and have two children and eight grandchildren, all nearby. Phyllis has worked part-time in Christian education at a community college, as a contributing writer and

After getting to know students at reunion, Kathy "Ernie" Marilla Kent '71 said, "These are good people... UMW should be very proud."

seminar leader for a Christian publishing company, as a substitute teacher, and recently as a proud grandmother who loves to babysit. Jim retired in 2001 after 36 years with a national pharmaceutical company and does consulting for a national nursing home corporation. They are active in church and enjoy their country home.

Carol Hamblet Adams, whose husband, Steve, died four years ago, moved this spring from Cape Cod, Mass., to rent in Charlestown for a year on the Boston Harbor. She volunteers at a downtown Boston church, takes acting classes in preparation for commercial auditions, and still

writes. Two of her books – her first children's book, *Sammy, the Little Broken Shell*, and *Waves of God's Healing*, both published by Harvest House – came out this year. Her children, Kristin, Kevin, and Todd, are happily married and have given her four wonderful grandsons. She and her sister, **Bobbie Hamblet Wilkinson**, were to attend an August family reunion on the Cape.

Phyllis Eure Rodrigues, who has been single for more than 20 years, spent five years each in the San Francisco area and L.A., then moved to the Boston area about 27 years ago and loves life in Massachusetts. She taught for 27 years, every age from nursery to high school, but mostly sixth grade, and has sold fine jewelry. She has arthritis, has had annual surgeries for three years, and had a hip and both knees replaced. Her friends call her the bionic woman. Her daughter is the head makeup and wig person for LA Opera, and her son, who is single, works for Bank of New York Mellon Corp.

Susan Elsom spent 35 hours traveling from Ashland, Ore., to Bali this summer and 57 hours returning; she said the visit was transformational. Last year, she traveled to Greece, the Greek Islands, and Turkey. She retired from private practice seven years ago; spends time reading, deep-water pool swimming, and exercising; is active in AAUW; and chairs the Women in Need project that donates home and personal supplies for domestic and sexual abuse victims leaving their abusers. She is blessed with good health and no chronic disease. Her adopted daughters, Amy, 22, and Elena, 21, both face significant health challenges that have derailed their higher education several times.

Margaret Cobourn John has spent more than two years tracking down classmates for her 50th high school reunion; reconnected with dear friends in Baldwinsville, N.Y., this summer; and is back to the business of retirement and working on her "bucket list."

Barbara Hagemann **Hester** and husband Ben live in Manassas, Va., as do daughter Susie and her husband, Jimmy; son Tyler, 17; and daughter Haley, 14. Daughter Bonnie and her husband, Chris; daughter Grace,

9; and son Gavin, 4, live near Greenville, S.C. Daughter Carrie is in Tampa, Fla., and their son, Brad, is in Denver. The family got together when Tyler graduated from high school last June. While vacationing in Rehoboth Beach, Del., they had dinner with **Lisa Coder Wharton** and husband David, as well as **Donna Lingo Rauch** and husband Eric. Barbara reconnected with **Beverly Boudreau Raphael** and **Barbara Wohlfeil Weatherall** at the reunion. Barbara still enjoys her job at Flower Gallery.

Janet Hess Bello, who retired from nursing in 2009, bought a 43-foot trawler-style powerboat with husband Joe, sold everything that wouldn't fit on the boat, moved aboard, and cruised to Fort Pierce, Fla., last winter. They love the lifestyle and plan to travel south in the winter and to New England in the summer. Two of their six grandchildren live nearby; the rest are in Atlanta. They are active in organizations related to Janet's hyperbaric medicine specialty and do consulting. **Anne Connell Sneed** and husband Lee traveled to the Memorial Day ceremony at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and visited the grave of her father, who was killed in WWII and buried in a military cemetery in Belgium. Ten years ago, they decided to hike at all the national parks and have been to 44 of the 58.

Louise S. Robbins retired in May after 20 years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She had rescinded her retirement in 2009, when her husband of 43 years, Robby, was injured in China and later passed away. She still is involved with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the Nazarbayev University Library in Astana, Kazakhstan. She spends time with sons Patrick and Greg, daughter-in-law Maura, and grandchildren Cole and Harper. Before retiring five years ago, **Marion White Ward** taught high school English for 25 years, got her doctorate in educational leadership, and went to work in higher education, first at Appalachian State University, then as chair of the education department at a small private North Carolina college. She and Rocky live in Swannanoa, N.C., near Asheville, and spend time

at their West Virginia farm. Daughter Kelly and her husband live in South Carolina with their 1-year-old daughter, Lily. Marion took students to Europe annually for years, traveled more recently to Africa and India with Rocky, and spent July with him in Seattle and Alaska.

Karen Marsteller Nash, who does contract work as a project manager, received certification as a Project Management Professional and Six Sigma Black Belt. She went for her first bionic body part, a titanium hip joint, last November; traveled to the Bahamas Out Islands with her family this summer; then tried to get her garden under control. **Bobbie Barrett Crisp**, who was a day student, as were her five sisters, still lives at the farm where she grew up near Fredericksburg and sees all the wonderful changes in the best liberal arts university. Husband Harry retired from the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren and serves as a Stafford County supervisor. Their four children are married with children, and they were expecting their seventh grandchild in September and their eighth in November.

Nancy Coates Wilson of Fredericksburg misses the

interaction with her AP and comparative government students after teaching 30 years in Stafford County but enjoys retirement and traveling to places like Russia, China, Australia, Egypt, and South America. She was looking forward to a September trip to Greece, Turkey, and the Aegean Islands. She and husband Don have three granddaughters, are active with Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church, attend as many UMW events as possible, and belong to a couples' dinner group that includes **Nancy Buchanan Perry** and **Martha Jones Burke**.

Seven years ago **Betty Cummings McCowell** left Rockbridge County, Va., and a library career of almost 27 years and moved to Chase City, where they have about 20 cows and their calves. She serves on the library board of Southside Regional Library, photographs birds and butterflies for the Southside Virginia Herb Society, gardens, farms, and enjoys two step-children and their families.

Sandy Byrum Smith took a sailing trip to Greece, Turkey, and the Aegean Sea. **Martha Jo Dillard Walters** of Charlotte, N.C., and roommate **Katherine Dodd Hardin** keep in touch. Martha Jo taught high school

English for 30-plus years and earned a master's degree in English. She was married for 20 years and has been a widow for 24. Son James, two grandsons, and two granddaughters live in Brevard, N.C. She sings with Carolina Voices and church choirs and plays piano with and directs a unique rhythm band of elderly folks who perform as part of her church's outreach program. She has visited Kenya, Egypt, Italy, Germany, Greece, the Holy Land, Croatia, Brazil, Aruba, and Costa Rica.

Linda Patterson Hamilton's daughter-in-law, Rachel, of Denver was diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer in March. She and Linda's son, Jeff, have two daughters, ages 2 and 4. Linda still writes, and her poem *Health Care Solution* was scheduled for publication in *Mature Living* magazine in August. She and Austin celebrated their 44th anniversary in June and spent time with her sister, **Liz Patterson Vawter '72**, at a June family reunion in Tennessee.

Ann Moser Garner is a cancer survivor and volunteers for two cancer support organizations. **Kathy Burke House** retired in June after 26 years as a math teacher or specialist at Frederick County

The Alumni College on the Road program reached great heights during its first trip, which included Ecuador, the Galapagos, and Peru. Stay tuned for information about future Alumni College on the Road trips and the popular Alumni College at Reunion Weekend.



Look for UMW alumni email announcements about upcoming trips.

Public Schools in Maryland and one year as a fellow at the National Science Foundation. Husband Bill has retired at least three times. Kathy's mom, a 1942 Mary Washington graduate, died three years ago. They love to spend time with their eight grandchildren. Two daughters and five of the grandchildren live in nearby Howard County. Their sons live in Houston and New York City.

Linda Parker Golub retired last summer after 33 years as a programmer/analyst at the College of William & Mary. She and husband Bob renovated and sold their family home, where they had lived for more than 30 years; moved in February to a home they built in a Williamsburg retirement community; and then took a month-long trip to Hawaii to recuperate. Their two surviving sons live in the area with their families, so five of their seven grandchildren are close by. Their oldest son passed away in 1995, and they frequently see his two children. The 22-year-old lives in Boston, and the 17-year-old lives in Northern Virginia. Linda's 92-year-old mother is doing well in a local assisted living facility. Linda sent news that classmate **Martha Mitchell** died in June after a lifelong battle with rheumatoid arthritis.

Helen Hutton Smith's oldest daughter, Debby, and grandson John, 15, took a mission trip to Kenya with his school. They planned a summer family vacation on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with both their daughters, four grandchildren, a son-in-law, a boyfriend, and two dogs. Helen retired after 26 years teaching English at Fairfax High School; husband John retired from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. They enjoy traveling, including trips to Alaska and the Baltic.

Alice Funkhouser Flowers was doing research for their centennial book. She still works full time, including summers, nights, and weekends, as publications director, in public relations, and as an archivist for St. Christopher's School in Richmond. Husband George is on his third career, teaching engineering, math, and electronics at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. They frequently see their

children and grandchildren in North Carolina and Maryland. Jim is safely back from Djibouti, Africa, retired as a commander in the Navy Reserve, and working for the state. He and Laurie have Jenna, 10, and Matthew, 7. Engineer Rob and wife Marilyn live in Maryland and work for rival construction firms. Daughter Beth, who is in real estate, and husband Jason, an architect, live in Raleigh, have daughter Alice, 3, and expected another in October.

Pat Hartman Brownlee, Bonnie O'Brien, and Ann Plummer were recruited while still at Mary Washington to teach in San Diego, where Pat met and married Marine John Brownlee. After five years of teaching and obtaining a lifetime credential with California, Pat retired. In less than six years, they had four girls. Today, they all live close by, as do three grandsons, a granddaughter, and a grand-dog. Pat, a sales director for more than 20 years, earned a pink car from Mary Kay Cosmetics. Since John retired last July, they have traveled to Costa Rica, Hawaii, and Egypt and taken a cruise through the Panama Canal. **Agnes "Missy" Bush Shives** recently visited Turkey and Russia. She sees her two sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren; volunteers; and takes Silver Sneakers exercise classes.

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Now free to do some serious traveling, **Barbara Bishop Mann** and Robert plan to begin with places that are intriguing and far away and work their way around to those closer to home. Barbara continues to exercise, be involved with the Virginia Education Association and UMW alumni, and keep in touch with most of our classmates. **Kathy Goddard Moss** has graciously and diligently maintained our "MWC 1966" Facebook page; check it out for reunion photos supplied by Kathy, **Sally Albrecht Brennan, Anne Clagett, Diana Hamilton Cowell, and Linda Spangler Berkheimer**.

Sally enjoys life near the Elizabeth River in Olde Towne Portsmouth, Va.; weekends of community activities, such as art shows, porch parties,

and First Fridays; and sailing, ferry rides, and lovely sunsets. Sally travels to Virginia Beach and to Laramie, Wyo., and Woodlake, N.C., to visit her four grandchildren. Her interests include fiber arts, knitting, computer design, gardening, birding, music, reading, graphics, and Facebook. Now retired, Kathy had an exciting spring and summer. The Turkish exchange student who lived with her family for a year while the Moss children were in high school returned for a four-month visit and brought her delightful 3-year-old son, who learned English quickly. Baby sister was due late in June, so the father and grandmother traveled to the U.S. to stay with Kathy and family until after her arrival. It was exciting to have a Turkish "grandchild" born into the Moss household!

Anne stayed at the reunion as an out-of-towner instead of a day-tripper and admitted that she had been missing a lot of the flavor of reunion, since important activities were scheduled all weekend, not just Saturday afternoon. She and husband John Willcox continue to enjoy good health and caring for their dear cat, Night, now 17 years old. Anne is active in the Piedmont Republican Women's Club and loves

losing herself in Vince Flynn and Daniel Silva novels. Niece Suzanne, 22, is an assistant manager at the

Carlyle Hotel in New York City, and nephew Jake, 16, is brilliant.

Diana and husband Dan retired from their careers in Huntington, W.Va., moved to South Bethany, Del., and replaced their summer cottage with a roomy retirement home. Part of the sandwich generation, they care for her 96-year-old mother-in-law and their youngest child, age 17. They arranged a sister-city relationship between South Bethany and Periers, France, during their first year in Delaware. They travel, serve the community volunteer fire company and church, visit family, and have two grandchildren nearby in Dover. Diana can swim 45 laps in an hour and is considering taking up masters swimming.

Lois Rucker Scott's daughters moved from Utah and Hawaii. One lives with Lois and Sam in Arlington, Va., while the house across the street is being fixed up for her. Lois enjoys having her three granddaughters close but admits the move caused a major change in her and Sam's lifestyle. Their elder daughter was laid off from her job in Hawaii but found a new one in California. **Lee**

Enos Kelly was adjusting to her husband's early Alzheimer's and described it as "an adventure" since every patient is entirely different. Lee announced at the reunion class meeting that her surrogate mother story a few years back was a fantasy, and she has decided to teach pole dancing to senior citizens. **Mary Morris Bishop** of Michigan retired in 2007 after 17 years as a school psychologist for Rochester Community Schools. She and husband Dennis have enjoyed trips to Florida, New England, and around the Southwest. Their blended family includes four children and one grandchild. Mary does genealogy research and church work and reads, gardens, and socializes.

Tyla Matteson attended our reunion, her first since graduation, and enjoyed reconnecting with old friends,

Cynthia "Davey" Ellis '71 is proud of UMW for its leadership role in commemorating the anniversary of the 1961 Freedom Rides.

meeting new ones, and seeing the *Freedom Rides* exhibit. Tyla and her husband have a strong interest in environmental issues and are active in the Sierra Club. Tyla challenges all of us to channel our talents and energies into global, as well as family and national, matters.

Eileen Perna Thomason's husband, Phil, retired from 46 years of pediatric medicine and she brought him to the reunion. They are adjusting to a new timetable, cleaning out long-neglected storage space, gardening, reorganizing, and volunteering. They are interested in the newly formed traveling opera company Lyric Opera Virginia.

Clair Goliher Cosby's husband retired in 1999 from his career as a Methodist minister and, for the first time, they were not living in a parsonage. They bought a one-story home on two acres with woods to admire from the sunroom and clear space for flowerbeds. They repaired structural damage; added a screened-in porch, pond, fountain, and other features; renovated bathrooms; painted and papered rooms; and lots more. Clair is a member of a local book club. **Carolyn Eldred** of Silver Spring, Md., attended part of our reunion. Afterward, she traveled to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where she once lived, for the 25th anniversary celebration of the Unitarian Universalist congregation there. She volunteers at WAMU, the Washington, D.C., public radio news station where she met her boyfriend; serves on the board of her homeowners association; is involved with a "creative aging" group; and hosts events for members of the Silver Spring U.U. congregation. She has generously endowed a Mary Washington scholarship and a George Washington University graduate fellowship.

Terry Caruthers retired after 22 years with Northrop Grumman and started Caruthers Coaching and Consulting, doing orals coaching and proposal management. Terry and her husband moved in May to Mooresville, N.C., after a lifetime in Virginia, to be close to their two daughters and six grandchildren. Terry was working to publish her cousin's poetry and her husband's great-grandfather's Civil War letters and is deeply involved in genealogy research. After the reunion, Terry composed a nostalgic poem, *MWC Reunion – We Are Not Alone*, and posted it on Facebook. **Pat Lewars Pace** enjoys her five grandchildren, who live nearby. Last year she spent a month in Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. Her volunteer work includes the "Dining for Women" project, where members bring bag lunches to meetings then donate the money they would have spent eating out to help needy women in their area.

Linda Glynn Hutchinson and **Pat Lewars Pace** have traveled to Peru, Argentina,

Chile, the Netherlands, and Belgium and spent a month in August touring Eastern Europe. **Candy Schumacher Jepsen** and Mogens, her husband of 42 years, have lived for 33 years in Houston, where their two married daughters and five grandchildren also live. Candy does designing and teaches embroidery, quilting, and beading. **Dee Dee Nottingham Ward** sold her CPA firm but still works part time. She and husband Nat, married for 46 years in June, spend lots of time with their five grandchildren on the San Diego beaches and in their mountain home. Dee Dee serves on the board of directors of the San Diego MS Society; she has a special interest because their son has MS.

Judy Zip Phillips still works but has developed a strong interest in getting together with friends from high school and college. After a 17-year battle with Alzheimer's, her husband passed away, leaving her and their five children and six grandchildren, all of whom are doing well. **Dee Marks Duncan** of Gainesville, Va., retired in 2007 after 41 years teaching middle school math. She and her husband are fortunate to have son **Bill Duncan '91**, daughter-in-law **Erin Patrick Duncan '92**, and two granddaughters right across the street. Dee divides her time between Virginia and Kiawah, S.C.

Ginny Bateman Brinkley published her first fiction book, *Earth Quest*, the story of life, love, and the pursuit of red meat. Begun by her uncle, the manuscript was "unearthed" two years ago when he moved into a nursing home, and a friend in her writing group helped Ginny finish the story and prepare it for publication. She mentions Mary Washington in the author's bio. Ginny and Bill welcomed their 14th grandchild (seven girls and seven boys), Makayla, in May. **Ryan Stewart Davis** and husband Roger retired two years ago and downsized to a cottage in Port Townsend, Wash. Their grandchildren, ages 4 and 1, live nearby in Seattle and visit frequently. Ryan enjoys communing with her garden and volunteering as a guardian *ad litem* advocate for kids in the county court system.

Dale Quel Woods did some substitute teaching after retiring five years ago. She and her husband have visited places in the West and Northwest, down to Texas, and in the Bay area, where both daughters live. They ventured to Hawaii and Europe last fall and planned a trip up the Danube this fall. Dale works out at the gym and makes jewelry. **Lynn Smithey Campbell**, an instructional technologist for Tazewell County (Virginia) Schools, earned her master's degree from Virginia Tech and was looking forward to retiring and possibly relocating after a career teaching algebra, geometry, and computer science. In May 2010, she lost her husband of 41 years. They have a son in Richmond, a daughter in Raleigh, and four grandchildren.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner and her husband of 43 years, Charlie, still live in the same home in Alexandria, Va., and are big golfers. Mary Kathryn was impressed that "everyone at reunion was so young!" Every March, Mary Kathryn dons a colonial costume and serves as waitress in the lunchroom during Woodlawn Plantation's annual needlework exhibit. **Mary Parsons Black** and husband Ron live in Elizabeth City, N.C. **Annette Maddr Horner** and husband John also bought a home there in the historic district. In June, Mary and Ron took a weeklong trip with another

couple to Scotland. Mary has a painting class, and they golf, play bridge, and dote on their two precious grandchildren, Jonah and Ian.

Kay Dawson Meyers of Tennessee is retired but busy as church treasurer; intake counselor at the Good Shepherd Center, a community effort to help the poor; Bible study teacher; and lay speaker for the United Methodist Church. Kay also tutors math students, does water aerobics, and travels whenever she can. She inquired about **Linda Mitchell Spiers**, an Episcopal minister in Connecticut who was unable to attend our reunion.

After living and working many years in Miami, **Caroline Hogland Stone** resigned from her job, sold her house, and moved to Annapolis, Md., to accept a job as director of admissions at Annapolis Area Christian School and move into a new home on the water in a marina. **Sally Souder** relocated to Sarasota, Fla., in 2004; is involved in cultural activities and political volunteer work; tutors; travels, most recently to Egypt; and monitors sea turtle nests. Though she was married many years and has three grown children and seven grandchildren, **Sandra Hutchison Schanné** said at reunion that she has felt like a newlywed since marrying Richard last spring. They were companions for more than 25 years, but sharing a home has been a new beginning! Sandra's mother suffered from dementia with Lewy bodies for six years and passed away in July. Sandra's daughter in Colorado was expecting twins this fall and also expecting "Nana" to come for a long visit.

Marty Spigel Sedoff is retired but busier than ever. Her tap dance class performed at the Mall of America, near Minneapolis; watch her "Sweet Feet" début on YouTube. **Gerry Sargent Habas** thought that our reunion class meeting allowed us to get to know our classmates better than we did while we were

Despite calling off the wedding the night before the ceremony, Elaine "Cookie" Brennan Wright '71 has been married almost 39 years.

students, that our class members seem "wise and accomplished," and that everyone has given back for the good of humanity. After the reunion, one of Gerry and husband Len's four grandsons visited them on his first extended stay away from his parents, then they all flew back to his home at the Jersey shore. **Martha Young Roberts**, our adopted classmate who has participated in the Mary Washington travel group, lives in Virginia with her husband and spends winters in Key Largo, Fla.

Linda Spangler Berkheimer and family spent a June week in Nags Head, N.C. Hank and I

were there with our huge blended family then, too, but we never connected. My daughter, three granddaughters, and I had lunch at Harbor Point in Manteo with **Muriel Haley Montgomery**, who relocated there with her husband after retiring several years ago as a school counselor. Muriel is active at church and visits and shops with her daughter, who lives in Suffolk, Va. **Kitty Downs Gregg** had to cancel plans to come to reunion because husband Don fell ill with chest pains and was hospitalized. Fortunately, it was bronchitis complicated by an adverse reaction to medication, rather than something more serious. Kitty vows to come to Virginia for our 50th. **Susan Roth Nurin** retired from teaching high school Spanish, plans to move to New York City and downsize from a house to an apartment, and found a prospective home near Central Park, where she can enjoy theater and concerts.

Carolyn Corwin Thomas '67 resurfaced after all these years. She lived in Marye House our junior year with **Susan Roth Nurin**, **Yvonne March**, **Betsy Chappel**, **Earl Tryon**, **Winnie Woodson Stribling**, **Barbara Barriga Rowe**, "Corky" Wells **Shaha**, and me. Carolyn earned her master's degree in education from U.Va., taught in Virginia for six years, married Purdue University graduate George Thomas, and moved to Lafayette, Ind. They had two children, and George's career required frequent moves, so Carolyn also lived and worked in Tennessee, Michigan, and Ohio. She is now retired in Texas, weaves baskets, and teaches a class for seniors at the Academy for Lifelong Learning. Son Rollin has a doctorate in astrophysics and works at the Berkeley [California] Lab; wife Dianna is an artist who specializes in fabric pattern design. Daughter Sarah is a certified interior architect in Columbus, Ohio. After retiring, Carolyn and George took a driving tour of the West and have adopted a cat.

UMW Vice President for Advancement and University Relations Torre Meringolo reported that nearly 50 percent of the Class of 1966 contributed to and raised nearly \$1.8 million for the Fund for Mary Washington. Many thanks to all of you;

our class is terrific! Now that Virginia state assistance has been significantly reduced, it is even more important that we continue to support our alma mater.

Sixty-six of us, plus George Van Sant and his lovely wife, Milena, were at our Friday night class dinner at Brock's Riverside Grill. Dr. Van Sant has been involved with our class since 1962 and is considered an official member. In addition to the ladies already mentioned, class members at the dinner included **Carolyn Bingley Wiley**, **Pam Kearney Patrick**, **Prentiss Davies Murphy**, **Julie Bondurant Freeman**, **Pam Hughes Ward**, **Jana Privette Usry**, **Eileen Goddard Albrigo**, **Mary Wright Day**, **Carol Pettigrew Hallman**, **Michelle Spicknall Pasternak**, **Joan Cuccias Patton**, **Nancy Thompson Mountjoy**, **Marguerite Wingo Saady**, **Peggy Beeler Burns**, **Kathy Fowler Bahson**, **Midge Meredith Poyck**, **Genie McClellan Hobson**, **Dianne Twiggs Woodworth**, **Ambler Carter**, and **Patti Bergin Bergman**. Our class meeting Saturday also included **Susan Bogese Wagner**, **Charlotte Hansley Chappel**, **Mary Anne Pyne White**, and **Sheila Denny Young**. Thanks to all for making our 45th reunion a resounding success.

1967 Reunion Weekend
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Antoinette Matlins of South Woodstock, Vt., is married to Stuart, writes books on gems and jewelry that are available in seven languages, does exposés on fraud for TV and print, and works with an international clientele to acquire and dispose of fine gems and jewelry. She enjoys her daughter, **Dawn Leonard '88**, and her granddaughter, Bryn Huxoll, who was to start college this fall.

Patsy Jones Kroll Mazzocco and Felix enjoyed an Oceania Cruise this spring – from Rome to Monaco, down the west coast of Italy to Taormina, then up to Venice – and a beautiful San Diego County summer with family and friends.

Pat Rankin McLaughlin and her husband of 41 years like small town life in Altavista,

Va., near Lynchburg. She retired after 30 years of teaching in Virginia Beach, Roanoke Rapids, Altavista, and North Carolina. She works a part-time no-stress job at the Altavista YMCA. She does volunteer work; acts, sings, and does backstage work through the arts council with the Altavista Little Theatre; and works out at the YMCA, losing lots of weight and keeping it off through two knee replacements and rotator cuff surgery.

Cee Goode Klink of Gloucester, Va., partially retired after more than 30 years of banking. She works three days a week, so she is able to spend time with her 4-year-old granddaughter. Cee sees **Connie Burkhardt Goggin** at family gatherings and special occasions and looks forward to our next reunion. **Dixie Kopfler Susalla** and retired Navy captain husband

Paul live in Peoria, Ariz., in the winter and Roseburg, Ore., in the summer, enjoying the best of America's climates. After a brain aneurysm

in 2007, Paul has faced severe medical challenges, but he loves poker, and they both enjoy bridge and adore their two Cavalier King Charles spaniels.

Nancy McDonald Legat and Dan, her husband of 44 years, love to be together. They are retired and live in Lexington, S.C., where they are active in their church, volunteer at the local crisis center, and do projects around the house. They enjoy their three daughters, sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren. The oldest granddaughter, 22, got married in April.

Mary Mac Blanchard **Harris** continues to work as a legislative assistant to a Virginia delegate when the General Assembly is in session. Husband Craig retired from practicing law in June and was looking forward to more travel and golf. They garden, go bareboating in the British Virgin Islands,

and take beach vacations with their family. Son Sam is in the Richmond area with his wife and their two grandsons. Daughter Kelly is an advertising account executive in Austin, Texas. The Harrises visited her there last winter and attended a Gladys Knight concert that brought back lots of good memories from the '60s.

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Ash and I are relishing life in northern California, and when we aren't busy with our jobs we take advantage of being close to San Francisco and the wine country. In April, we took our Denver grandkids, Maddy, 13, and Spencer, 10, with us for two weeks "down under" to visit Uncle Todd, Aunt Rebecca, and

Many sported nightclothes and curlers at the Ball Hall dorm meeting, remembered Natalee Spiro Franzysen '71. They exploded in waves of squeals and giggles when a very deep voice from the crowd posed a question. Until then, they hadn't realized the longhaired student in jeans was one of their very first male classmates.

cousins Maya, 3, and Flynn, 1. We took a trip along the Great Ocean Road and stayed a week in an old farmhouse near the beach and rain forest. Having all four grandchildren to spoil at the same time was quite a treat!

Dale Kalkofen Saunders retired after 44 years in public school administration and teaching in Boston, Memphis, and Richmond and for New American Schools, and in Chesterfield County, Va., for the last 10 years. She recently was named VCU's School of Education Alumni Star for 2011 and was to be recognized with other alumni stars at an October gala. Son Hans is a senior at VCU. Husband Rick, who attended our 40th reunion with her, passed away in 2009.

Eileen Curley Baker and husband Frank have had a wonderful time traveling since he retired last December. They spent January and February as "snowbirds" in Florida, traveled

to the southern California coast in April and May, and had recently returned from two weeks in Britain on the "Shakespeare in his Time" Yale theater trip. They spent time in Stratford-upon-Avon and London, read scripts, saw plays, spoke with actors, and visited places Shakespeare knew. Eileen noted that it was a nice balance to the math and physics from her Mary Washington days. Middle daughter Alissa graduated from Penn State College of Medicine in May and began residency in pediatrics at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Youngest daughter Samantha was named head of the costume shop for the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University. **Rhoda "DoDo" Fisher Roberts**, who lives nearby in Wilton, Conn., attended the Bakers' New Year's Day open house. A mutual friend brought them together again.

I enjoy keeping up with classmates via Facebook, so please "friend" me if you haven't already and message me with updates for the next edition of *Class Notes*.

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Greetings! I hope you all had a good summer and fall.

Several classmates have been honored in the past year. **Patricia Weller Wigginton** was named Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition Volunteer of the Year and received a Governor's Citation on behalf of the Maryland Homeowners' Association for her service and contributions to protecting homeowners' rights. Congratulations, Patricia! Her son, **Jonathan Wigginton '10**, who studied history at UMW, volunteers at the Smithsonian, where he hopes to land a job.

Karen Kilgore Ralston was featured in the "StreetSeen" section of *RSVP Memphis* magazine. The article, *Karen Ralston: Hats Off*, detailed her extensive work as a volunteer milliner. She has made more than 1,000 hats for Memphis' Playhouse on the Square during the last eight years. A stickler for historical accuracy, Karen recently was named Volunteer of the Year in the Association for

the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities' western region for her work in cataloging costumes at the Woodruff-Fontaine House Museum in Memphis. Kudos, Karen! She and husband Jim spend time at their second home in Breckenridge, Colo. They took a trip to Israel this year with friends, touring Jerusalem, Masada, the Red Sea, and Petra; Shimon Peres's son, Yoni, showed them the local color. The couple planned a fall trip to Ireland, and they watched the last Discovery launch while visiting daughter Emily in Florida.

Jane Jackson Woerner, a native of Bristol, Va., and a member of UMW's Heritage Society, was featured in the spring/summer issue of the Heritage newsletter. She makes a monthly gift to the Fund for Mary Washington and has pledged through a bequest to establish a need-based scholarship for UMW students from southwest Virginia.

Linda Gattis Shull sent sad news that **Christie Wineholt** lost her son, Vicar Warman, 38, to complications from diabetes in May. Memorial services were held in Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia. Our sincere condolences go to Christie. Linda also sent news that **Barbara Burton Micou** retired in June after 23 years with Chesterfield County Public Schools, the last 18 years as site coordinator for Communities in Schools, a dropout prevention program. Congratulations on a great career, Barbara! She now plans to spend more time gardening, reading, and visiting her three grandchildren in Chicago.

Jeanine Zavrel Fearn and daughter Erin traveled to San Francisco and spent several days in Yosemite National Park, hiking and enjoying the mountains. Jeanine was in Duck, N.C., in September with her family. When she isn't working, she reads, gardens, and uses ideas from HGTV to decorate her house. Jeanine had a great visit with roomie **Anne Witham Kilpatrick** last spring. Anne and husband Roger brought granddaughter Jennifer to Washington, D.C., to see the historical sites and gave her a tour of UMW while in the area. Jeanine also visited with suitemate **Toni Turner Bruseth** of Austin, Texas, who was in town for her father's funeral at

Arlington National Cemetery. Toni, we are sorry for your loss. Toni's husband, Jim, is chief archeologist for the Texas State Historical Commission, from which Toni recently retired. Another suitemate, **Suzy Bender Winterble**, and husband Charlie took a summer cruise on the Aegean Sea, visiting Croatia and Turkey. Jeanine forwarded an article from *The Free Lance-Star* in Fredericksburg about plans to demolish Chandler Hall to build a student center to include a small auditorium, a ballroom, offices for student clubs, the University post office, and more. The project is due to be completed in summer 2013, so we should be able to see it at our next reunion in 2014. Put that on your calendars right now!

Please write to me with news of our classmates. Happy holidays to everyone!

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Submitted by Mary Anne Burns.

Thanks to our classmates coming in numbers, perfect weather, and UMW's wonderful hospitality and planning, our 40th reunion was a great success. The campus was in full bloom and at its best! It was fun from the first steps onto the grounds at Brompton Friday night to the casual, relaxing Sunday brunch. We were fortunate to have professors Dan Dervin, Don Glover, Bulent Atalay, and Marshall Bowen at our Friday night class party at Trench Hill, now the Kalnen Inn. It was great to see one familiar face after another once again in those parlors and on the lawn.

I showed two slideshows, one the UMW Simpson Library Special Collections photo exhibit of campus activism from 1967 to 1971 by Dr. Dervin, and the other a set of hilarious photos friends submitted to our Facebook group. On the screen appeared faces of people who could not be with us (**Sue Cottingham, Barbara Halliday, Penn Bailey, Elaine Bell, and Robbie Purner**) and those who have passed on (**Mimi Hearne Barringer, Elizabeth "Mary Beth" Anania Edwards, and Beth Welsh**). We were proud that **Mary T. Bradley MacPherson** received the University's Distinguished Alumna Award. YouTube videos showed snapshots of her work affecting far-reaching societal change and her work empowering women entrepreneurs in the Middle East and North Africa.

The mother of Mary Weaver Mann '71 is nearly 102 and still scours two newspapers daily.

I want to thank all who sent remarks. You will find the past, present, and future here, because we are once again in a time of great transition. It's a really fun time in our lives to reconnect, and we don't plan to wait five years to do it again, so please stay in touch.

Karen Laino of Brussels, Belgium, our *Class Notes* coordinator and stalwart attendee of prior reunions, sent

her apologies that she couldn't join us this year due to pressing responsibilities with NATO. She also sent her appreciation to **Mary Anne Burns**, **Cynthia "Davey" Ellis**, and **Kathy "Ernie" Marilla Kent** for doing the after-reunion notes and to all for sending information for the magazine, which she urged everyone to continue doing. She was winding down a nearly nine-year tour in Europe, specifically with NATO in Belgium. The job and the task of making people in the U.S. understand the importance of the great alliance, she said, were daunting challenges. Though she and Ralph were sad to leave Europe, they made many friends and memories, planned to return, and looked forward to reconnecting with everything back home, including UMW friends. They were to arrive in the Washington, D.C., area in October. They bought a house and planned to make their permanent home in York, Pa., and Karen was to work at Fort Meade, Md., again. At **Bryn Irving Roth's** suggestion, we wrote our regards for Karen on a card at Trench Hill at reunion Friday night, and I sent it to Belgium. We plan to gather after she gets back in appreciation for her work for NATO in support of efforts in Libya and Afghanistan.

Ernie and husband Chris of Alexandria, Va., have two sons and two granddaughters. Ernie lived and worked in family therapy in Philadelphia for seven years and has lived in Alexandria since 1978, working in the arts and as a docent at the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery. Summers are spent overseeing their business, Lighthouse Liquors in Fenwick Island, Del. During the winter, she continues her interests in the arts in eclectic Key West, Fla. Ernie really enjoyed the Friday night reunion party, beautiful Trench Hill setting, and Mary Anne's slideshow, and she felt that the camaraderie surrounding this year's reunion was special and that we were all genuinely glad to be together. She found a visit to the Eagle's Nest particularly gratifying, when several compared notes on Mary Washington experiences with a resident assistant. There were more similarities than one might have imagined between the experiences and philosophies he described and our own, 40 years earlier. Another poignant

generation-crossing experience was at the post-banquet dance party, where student volunteers were gracious and outgoing in their attempts to bring us all together on the dance floor. What a riot! "These are good people ... UMW should be very proud."

Davey lives in Concord, Mass., outside Boston with husband Hany. After years working for high technology and marketing agencies, she is now a freelance writer and public relations specialist. Older daughter Christina lives and works in Madison, Wis., while younger daughter Claire is a junior at the University of Denver. Davey said that it was wonderful to reconnect with classmates and that a high point for her was the Freedom Riders session Friday afternoon, where Drs. O'Donnell, Cox, and Wilder told the story of the 1961 Freedom Riders, a group of college students, housewives, clergy, and other ordinary citizens who joined together to strike down Jim Crow laws regarding transportation in the Deep South. These courageous individuals were led by the late UMW professor James L. Farmer Jr. Mary

Washington celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides in many ways, including welcoming in May the 2011 Freedom Ride, a recreation of the journey with 40 college students from across the country, including **Charles Reed Jr. '11**, riding from Washington, D.C., to New Orleans to trace the original bus routes. Davey said she was honored to attend the session and proud of UMW for its leadership role in commemorating the Freedom Riders.

Julie McClelland Seder of Lancaster, Va., said that when she saw the names of classmates who planned to attend the reunion, she was surprised at how few she recognized. She said she still struggled to match faces with names and with the little girls we all were in 1967. But, when she really looked into people's eyes, she said, she made connections and the memories came flooding back. "Fredericksburg is an awesome town! I can't wait to go back and spend some quality time wandering around the historic district."

Pam Temple Roach was my roommate all four years at Mary Washington. (Technically, we were suitemates junior year so we could both be freshman counselors.) After 40 years, we still finish each other's sentences and believe we were separated at birth. "Our class rocks. We are a great bunch of broads! Thanks to Mary Anne for all she did ... I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the whole weekend."

Elaine "Cookie" Brennan **Wright** of Woolford, Md., lives on the Chesapeake Bay and boasts three careers, two daughters, two Springer spaniels, and one husband. She retired from the EPA, where she held the title of "director of common sense," and teaches environmental science and public health at the University of Pennsylvania. She also does consulting, running sustainable development programs in Russia, the Balkans, Italy, and Turkey, and programs that are planned

Student volunteers reported that the Class of '71 was dancing and rocking the Saturday-night reunion party long after much-younger alums had called it a night.

to expand to the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine. Daughter Elizabeth, 30, has a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering and a master's degree in systems engineering from University of Virginia, where she is director of operations for the Medical Simulation Center. Daughter Katie, 24, has a bachelor's degree in Spanish and manages marketing operations for DISH Network's DishLATINO. Despite calling off the wedding the night before the ceremony, Elaine has been married almost 39 years.

Phyllis Rogers Geries of League City, Texas, has taught Houston high school seniors government and economics for 29 years at the same school where her husband teaches them AP English. Daughter Amy and hubby Brad have children Grayson, 9, Ava, 6, and Sophia, 3. Daughter Sarah works for the Department of Defense in England, and Phyllis loves to visit. **Irene Stevenson Lauermann** of Arnold, Md., enjoyed connecting with old friends at our 40th reunion. She retired after 35 years in education,

and she and husband Dale have become snowbirds, leaving home in October, traveling the Intracoastal Waterway to their slip in Marathon, Fla., and returning in May. They plan to spend this winter at home.

Natalee Spiro Franzysheen of Richmond and roommate **Fran McDonald** returned together to their senior year dorm room on Ball Third. "Other than different beds, a shower head over the bathtub, and new sinks, it looked like nothing had changed since we left 40 years before." They examined the old kitchen, ironing room, and study areas in the rotunda area, and reminisced about managing with just fans, learning to wash their hair in the bathtub, and the first after-hours dorm meeting senior year, conducted with residents sitting around the open spiral staircase. Natalee recalled that **Bruce Finkle**, one of our earliest token males, blended in at the meeting, sitting on the first floor with his long hair and jeans. Those on the second and third floors were unaware of his presence, as we sat in our nightwear and curlers, until Bruce asked a question with his deep voice and caused a major ripple of squeals and giggles. The memories are great, but they bring to light the fundraising needed to update the campus and its existing buildings for technology-oriented current and future generations. The pictures hanging in Ball Hall and other buildings give alumni, visitors, and students glimpses of earlier times. Perhaps **Cookie Brennan** and geography professor Marshall Bowen were the two easiest people to recognize after all these years.

Kathy Shred Schoeher of New Hope, Pa., wrote that we were lucky to grow up in an age when women could get interesting work, and, she said, women made up half of her law school class of 1976. She said she liked being at an all-women school because we could be ourselves and she feels lucky to live in America with interesting geography, relatively clean air, and "a political system that allows the occasional nutcase his/her place in the sun." Kathy wrote that she had made it to the field by 6:30 that morning, harvested lettuce and garlic, weeded, put up a contraption to keep out bean-eating critters, and planted collards, Chinese

cabbage, winter squash, and Tuscan kale. She is still married to the same man, both children are in graduate school, and she was enjoying having her sister-in-law stay with them.

Barbara Halliday submitted her news on her Blackberry from the Mall of America near Minneapolis after visiting husband Rick's family. They are retired and celebrated their 25th anniversary last year. Barbara was in her second term on the Hayward City Council and planned to run for a third. Her father died last year, and her 89-year-old mother, who lives near them, was doing fairly well. She and Rick attended his 45th high school reunion in North Dakota, and Barbara was sorry she couldn't make our reunion but was looking forward to the 45th and 50th.

Bryn Irving Roth of Fredericksburg had fun reconnecting with college friends at our 40th reunion. She and husband Dick took a Mediterranean cruise last year. Talking points of the year were his 60th high school reunion in Dayton, Ohio, and hitting a deer on the way there; his now-resolved medical problems; and a number of other trials and tribulations. They took their annual trip to visit Dick's family in Ohio, and Bryn planned an August cruise to Alaska; two fall trips to Asheville, N.C., and another European cruise in 2012. She stays busy volunteering and quilting and sees their children, grandchildren, and great-grandson as often as possible.

Sidney Robins Lockaby of Charlotte, N.C., was headed to the mountains of North Carolina with dear friends, including **Gloria Shelton Gibson '69**, **Mary Turner Boyd '67**, and **Kathryn Fowler Bahnsen '66**. She didn't know them at Mary Washington but met them more than 30 years ago at an alumni party in Charlotte. Among Reunion highlights, **Dory Teipel** of Falls Church, Va., includes seeing Don Glover and Dan Dervin (thank you, Dory, for having them as your guests), **Mary Anne Burns'** presentation, a sentimental journey over **Julie McClelland Seder's** jewelry before leaving, dancing in the street, and the sincere affection

she felt from everyone. She said it was heartwarming to be with people who remembered so well the same things after all these years. Dory started painting professionally in 1991 and had a website on the horizon. She also was resuming her 35-year career, putting together advocacy projects in downtown Washington, D.C., and seeking clients interested in strategic planning, communications, and public relations for causes with a special niche in the arts and humanities. She is working with longtime colleagues from Crayola to preserve arts education in the American classroom.

Mary Weaver Mann of Fredericksburg sent her thanks to those who worked hard to arrange the reunion and said it was great to catch up. She and Jim have six grandchildren, ages 6 months to 10 years. Her mother is 101½, still scours two newspapers daily, and attends activities at her assisted living facility nearby. Jim is a funeral home assistant, which gives them truly interesting topics of discussion. She still loves her job at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. Mary said that she would love to catch up with **Becky Smith Bouygues**, who might still live in Paris and have five children, and that **Candace Hilddrup '69** also is in Paris.

Joyce Garber Gamse of Arlington, Va., had fun with **Susan Liebenow** and **Elaine Bell**. Joyce taught English in Charlottesville while completing her master's degree at U.Va. Inspired by a speech by Ralph Nader, she moved to Washington, D.C., was one of Nader's Raiders, a congressional correspondent, and an editor at the Library of Congress. She and husband Roy lived on Capitol Hill for 10 years then had two children and moved to Arlington when their son started kindergarten. That son has a JD/MBA from Northwestern University and was married last year in Traverse City, Mich. Joyce and Roy's daughter has a degree from Pomona College in California and lives in Cape Town, South Africa, where they've been twice to visit. Now semi-retired, Joyce substitute teaches, and Roy works with public charter schools. She loved the reunion, wishes **Julie Watkins** and **Kitty Tinkham** could have been there, and was

shocked and saddened to learn from **Elaine "Cookie" Brennan Wright** that roomie Beth Welsh passed away.

Betty Barnhardt Hume of Fredericksburg has been a "townie" since moving off campus junior year. Her children, Janet and Robin, went to Randolph-Macon College and UNC Wilmington, respectively. Betty taught for nine years, took a few years "off" with her children, worked at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, and has worked full time at the Porter branch in North Stafford since 2007. This has enabled **Randy Hume '75** to retire to the life he always imagined, playing golf every day and doing all the cooking. (Maybe he didn't imagine the second part, but he does it well and is much appreciated.)

Diana "Diney" Rupert Livingston of Port St. Lucie, Fla., always felt that the Class of '71 had a unique and wonderful personality and that we were bold, interesting, and eternally youthful. Her perceptions were confirmed at the breakfast on the last morning of reunion, when the student volunteers commented on how our classmates were dancing and rocking at the party the night before, long after the much-younger alums had called it a night. **Claudith "Dotti" Holmes** of Richmond reports that both her freshman roommates, **Anita Whitehead Scott** and **Orita Whitehead Martin**, are well. Anita is a retired Fredericksburg schoolteacher and the mother of twins John III and Christopher. Orita has lived in Denver for 40 years, reared two daughters with husband Richard, and is now a grandparent. She worked for the state of Colorado, as did older daughter Toni. Younger daughter Pamela is a veterinarian and tenured professor at Tuskegee University.

Elizabeth "Betty" Robinson Whichard and husband Jim live in Carmel, Ind., outside Indianapolis. But they have lived in Charlottesville, Arlington, and Lynchburg, Va.; Memphis; San Antonio, Texas; and New York City. Elizabeth is a computer applications trainer for New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, and Jim is a semi-retired insurance actuary. They enjoy reading mysteries,

walking, working out, doing yoga, traveling, and watching movies.

Sally Reichnor Mayor of Randogne, Switzerland, was sorry not to have made the reunion this year but sent news from the airport in Geneva, where she was on her way to meet Australian friends who have a boat in southern France. She is the quality control person with an educational consultancy for local governments introducing English in the public schools. She has worked for more than 25 years as center exams manager in Switzerland for the University of Cambridge. She planned to participate in a balloon festival in Hotton, Belgium, in August, and asks that **Karen Laino** let her know if she's around. Sally has two daughters and granddaughter Zoé, 2. **Tish Stoner Sawyer** visits her in Florida, and Sally sees **Patty Killefer** when she gets to the Fredericksburg area. Sally thanks Mary Anne for getting the group together and keeping it active.

Susan Edmonds Whitlow of White Stone, Va., retired in February from admissions at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. She is volunteering and addressing 30 years of neglected housekeeping. Husband Dave is county administrator in Essex, Va. Daughter Sarah and fiancé Josh live in Alexandria, where Sarah is a reading teacher. Son Colin and wife Jessica are in New York, where Colin is in an MBA/MFA program at New York University.

Mary "Fred" T. Bradley MacPherson of Reston, Va., enjoyed seeing so many classmates at the reunion but was sorry that her roommate, **Katherine Brew Barbee** of Northern Virginia, and **Karen Altizer Tessier** of Asheville, N.C., weren't there. Fred works in the non-profit sector, focusing on entrepreneurship and economic development and on building a businesswomen's network in the Middle East and North Africa with Vital Voices. She was honored to receive the 2011 Distinguished Alumna Award and accepts it on behalf of the accomplishments of the Class of '71. Fred sends a big shout-out to **Mary Anne Burns** for working to make the reunion terrific.

Honor Council Inspired a Career in Defense

As a member of the Mary Washington Honor Council for four years, **Nellie King '92** heard allegations of cheating, theft, and academic misconduct.

These days, her cases are more likely to involve allegations of drunk driving, rape, and even murder.

But King, a defense lawyer for 15 years, said her early experience at UMW primed her for the high-profile work she does now.

"What I experienced at Mary Washington was an environment that allowed me to ask questions and to challenge situations, and that was a natural transition for me to go to law school," said King, a married mother of two who lives in Palm Beach County, Fla. "I've been asking questions and filing motions – much to the chagrin of prosecutors in my state – ever since."

King recently was elected president of the nonprofit Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The FACDL provides continuing legal education and professional networking for its 2,000 members, champions the constitutional rights of criminal defendants, and lobbies heavily against political efforts to step on the toes of an independent judiciary.

King had already served as the organization's secretary, treasurer, and vice president, said Ian Goldstein, a West Palm Beach defense attorney who's known her for at least a decade.

"She's always at the forefront. When they ask for volunteers, she's always one of the ones with her hand raised," Goldstein said. "It's a small fraternity of individuals who are able to and willing to put in the time and commitment it takes to become president. It's a full-time, unpaid job."

King's goals for the next year are ambitious. The process for Florida's death penalty is flawed, she said, so the FACDL supports a review of it. The organization wants to revamp the state's misdemeanor courts, which have become "conviction mills," King said, sending scores of people to jail for minor offenses and subjecting them to potential loss of employment, deportation, and license restrictions.

The FACDL also supports Florida's Innocence Commission, which tries to eliminate the causes of wrongful convictions.

"They are walking people out of jail after 30 years and giving them a slap on the back and a bus ticket and saying, 'I'm sorry,'" she said. "You can't give that man back the 30 years you took from him."

Some violent offenders deserve to go to prison, she said. But some suffer from learning disabilities, mental problems, substance



Nellie King '92, shown here with husband Carl Schaefer, son George, and daughter Virginia, was sworn in as president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers this summer. King holds the volunteer position, equivalent in demands to a full-time job, along with her career as a defense lawyer. She is driven to protect the rights of the accused, a passion nurtured on the Mary Washington Honor Council.

abuse, and other problems that, if addressed, would diminish the need for what she calls "the prison industrial complex."

King, who majored in international relations and now serves on the Mary Washington Alumni Association Board, originally considered becoming a prosecutor. But participating in the school's Honor Court – she was president her junior and senior years – convinced her that safeguarding the rights of the accused was her true calling.

"In our Constitution, it talks about the need for due process. Honor Court, watching how it unfolded, I observed the fact that these were allegations. The students coming before the board were *alleged* to have done something – but that's not proof positive," said King, who earned a J.D. at Nova Southeastern University law school in South Florida.

Sometimes people ask her how she can defend those accused of heinous crimes. Someone, she said, has to make sure that the state doesn't trample on individuals' constitutional rights.

"I wanted to be the voice of the underdog," said King, a staunch defender of the Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable search and seizure. "There's honor and dignity in what defense lawyers do."

– *Edie Gross*

I (Mary Anne Burns) of Alexandria, Va., returned to the East Coast 18 months ago after being in the Southwest since 1976. I got my MBA in finance at the University of New Mexico, then spent the next 30-plus years in Southern California, first in the oil industry and then as a high-technology entrepreneur and consultant. I started in risk management in crude oil commodities trading just as oil was being deregulated and mainframes were on the way out, a confluence of things that launched a string of subsequent amazing opportunities.

After a stint at Disney Online, I got the art bug and undertook a four-year study of Renaissance drawing and painting and digital art with the animation trade while keeping my hand in business. After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, I became an advocate for a strategic shift in the human use of energy at industrial scale. Unbeknown to nearly all, I suffered from idiopathic epilepsy starting in my late 30s. Having found profound healing through yoga, with no seizures for more than 15 years, I feel engaged in creating the life that was intended from the first. Yoga has empowered me to accept joyfully my life of great independence and freedom, which also can be marked by acute isolation.

I work at the Library of Congress and am writing what I hope will be the first of many literary novels. I believe that, as the freest women who ever lived, we have a unique voice and vision that we are responsible to express widely. I enjoy the affection of my dear mother, 93, brother Tom, nieces, and grandnieces and nephew. It was a joy to coordinate the 40th reunion in honor of the caliber of the women and the liberal arts education of Mary Washington.

Several wonderful things happened in the process. I worked with **Carolyn Parsons** '83 to obtain and best use Dr. Dervin's photos. As I groped for a way to best reflect the diversity of our college experience, **Robbie Purner** of Stevens Point, Wis., emailed me a hooked rug "work-in-progress" with the word "inspiration" in the

subject line. We had with us two former Trench Hill buddies, **Philo Funk Scott** '72 and **Karen Jenkins** '72, who cut up the dance floor with Rick and Rose Hurley like no others. I learned about **Anne Gordon Greever**'s economic development and micro-lending work with Richmond women; discussed my historical fiction with University Historian Bill Crawley; caught up with **Pam Rave Hall** and **Diney Rupert Livingston**, my

Sherry Rutherford Myers '72 continues to do costumes for Baltimore's annual Honfest and won the Best Hon 2011 title!

Jefferson mates senior year; sat on the Trench Hill veranda overlooking Sunken Road talking with Mary T. about the impact American studies had on our thinking; laughed with Davey and Ernie at the hotel as we re-lived the suitemate experience; and enjoyed "girl time" looking at **Julie McClelland Seder**'s jewelry when, believe it or not, we were too tired to talk anymore.

As photos from Reunion began to be posted, we decided to keep the Facebook group going. The pictures are great! We are still trying to figure out who everyone is, so please join us at "Mary Washington Class of 1971 40th Reunion Photo Archive" and help. Stay tuned for plans for the celebratory dinner for Karen Laino's return to the States at the end of October. A big thank you to Carolyn Parsons in Special Collections; Dan Dervin for taking those historic photos so long ago; **Patti Boise Kemp** '69 for a pre-reunion campus tour, photos of classmates as freshmen in Virginia Hall, enthusiasm, and help; and the Alumni Relations staff, especially **Cindy Snyder** '75, who did the big stuff right for us and had patience with me as I pursued the details with occasional excessive diligence.

You are the women who removed from human history for all time the question, "Can a girl do that?" Your faith and confidence in me as a young leader and creative soul led to many adventures and

opportunities, and I wanted to acknowledge you with the elegance you deserve. You knock me out. Love and peace.

1972 Reunion Weekend

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I read with deep sadness of the passing of three of our classmates. Having never met **Virginia Crow Acors**, it was an unexpected pleasure when she wrote a couple of years ago about events in her life. Some of us will remember **Fran Guthrie Flynn** most for her friendly smile and cheerful greetings throughout school. The loss of **Christie Jaeger**

Thomas hit close to home. We went to rival high schools in Baltimore County but didn't meet until college, where we were on the third floor of Russell Hall our senior year. Christie worked in the library at Johns Hopkins University and went on to become director of graduate financial aid. She met Glen Thomas, who was director of admissions and enrollment services, and they were married for 29 years. Chris later worked for several Baltimore law firms and for Thomas Havey CPA. When the latter closed in Baltimore, she started her own business, serving new and existing clients. She, Glen, and their friends sailed and often docked at Caribbean ports. Christie will be missed by all of us. Our condolences go to Glen and her family and friends.

Life stays busy in Baltimore. This summer I sang for various churches, and business was booming at my law firm. Dennis and I took trips to Delaware, Ohio, and Virginia and planned a longer vacation Thanksgiving week. I continue doing costumes for the Honfest and won the Baltimore's Best Hon 2011 title. My first appearance in this capacity was at the United States Conference of Mayors. While this city may not belong to some of us like it did to William Donald Schaefer, our recently departed former mayor/governor, it feels like my city, and I look forward to serving it well in the coming year.

Nancy Mahone Miller and CG, who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last year, both had surgery but had recovered and gotten back up to speed. They continue to travel to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina and love so much that is Celtic and sponsored the Clan Ramsay tent at last year's Williamsburg Scottish Festival. Nancy is state vice chair of the Friends of the DAR Library Committee, national vice chair of the DAR Scholarship Committee, and president of her own United States Daughters of 1812 chapter. She still reunites with Mary Washington classmates in Kitty Hawk, N.C., and Nelson County, Va.

Sherrie Mitchell Boone keeps busy with piano tuning, art, and genealogy, while John continues in accounting for Hotel Roanoke. Their children and grandchildren are well. Son Trey, who is working on his Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh, came home for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Daughter Leighanne and husband Scott were house hunting in Sherrie's neighborhood and want daughter Anna to go to school in that district.

Dave and Cheryl Prietz **Childress** keep on the go with equestrian and boating activities and colonial re-enactments. Dave does excellent car restoration, and their 1965 Morgan is beautiful. We visited them at their farm at Thanksgiving and at the Morgan meet in Staunton, Va., during Fourth of July weekend. Dave and Cheryl's children, Thea and Alex, joined us for part of the trip. Thea and husband Eric, who is finishing an MBA at Radford University, live in Christiansburg, Va. Thea, who majored in theater and art history at Virginia Tech, volunteers at an art museum. Alex is studio manager for a Richmond radio station.

Plans are already in the works for our 2012 reunion. In the meantime, let me hear from you.

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Class of 1974, we know you are out there doing great things. Please let us know what they are so we can share them with classmates. We all should follow the lead of the gang from Jefferson Fourth West, which has annual mini-reunions. **Peg Hubbard and Patti Goodall Strawderman** said the one in Alexandria in June was a blast with wonderful weather. They met on King Street Friday evening, which brought back lots of memories for **Lisa Tyree**. While enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres on the terrace of 219 Restaurant, they were greeted by **Linda Fotis**, a 90-pound Energizer Bunny, who promptly burst into tears when she saw them for the first time in almost 40 years. They had dinner across the street at the Warehouse Bar and Grill, where Lisa knows the owner, who was incredibly generous, sending amazing platters of desserts to our table. Where were you, **Susan McDonald Osborn '75**? We missed you!

Peg and Lisa's room at the Embassy Suites became our Jefferson Hall dorm unit for the weekend. Fotis distributed a questionnaire she developed, prompting wild topics of conversation Friday night, including blind dates at U.Va., Randy Mac, Quantico, partying, the "Bastard Tree" in Willard Hall, the doctor in Fredericksburg who dispensed birth control pills, and pulling all-nighters during exams.

Sue Tyler Maguigan jogged four miles and Tyree and **Nancy Pederson Trzcinski** swam in the hotel pool Saturday morning. They toured the National Gallery of Art and lunched in the café there but were too exhausted to participate in a planned deep

relaxation led by **Patti Goodall Strawderman**, our favorite flower child. A highlight of Saturday evening was a Skype session with **Carolyn Gentry**, Linda Fotis' freshman roommate, whom she hadn't seen in 40 years. **Deb Ryan** joined us for the day's activities and bunked with **Karen Sunnarborg** Saturday night. We said our goodbyes on Sunday, and several locations were suggested for next year's gathering. We were happy to have reconnected with **Ginny Eisenmann Labusohr**, **Linda Raford Raflo**, **Ann McCauley**, and **Barbara Baldwin Sykes**, who promise to try to join us again next year. We also look forward to seeing **Jonette DeButts Hahn**, **Jeane Baughan Stone**, and **Carol Flaherty**, who couldn't make it this year.

We should not wait for our reunions every five years to catch up with each other, so let's all reach out and get together throughout the coming year.

1975

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My husband, Gene, and I are now empty nesters and recently sold our house and downsized. We're still in Southern California in a townhome while we figure out where we want to relocate. The northern states are out of contention, since the winters are too cold and bitter (been there, done that). Between Gene's penchant for golf and

our desire to get "more bang for the buck," we may well end up in a golf community somewhere in the not-so-Deep South. I'll just want to make sure our new community's "enlightened" enough to offer tai chi, Pilates, Zumba, and a good book group! After a lifetime career of pushing paper, I wanted to work in something I was passionate about, use some other skills, give back, and possibly make money doing it – all on a part-time basis. I've been a lifetime Weight Watchers member since

the late '80s and passionately believe in its philosophy. I found the perfect fit when I became a Weight Watchers meeting leader this past June and love supporting members as they progress through their journeys. Our son, Ian, wife Vickie, and granddog Marley still live in Northern California, where Ian is email marketing manager for Virgin America, which means Gene and I fly for free! Our daughter, Taylor, is in her third year at the University of Kansas and aspires to go into the medical field.

Deb Relyea Grosner was sorry to miss our class reunion last year but had a good reason. She got married on May 29, 2010, and she and husband Brian honeymooned in Paris. They split their time between their home in Arlington, Va., within walking distance of the Pentagon, and their West Virginia cabin. Deb still works for the Transportation Security Administration doing performance metrics and management. Brian graduated from West Point in '74, and they have season tickets for Army home football games. They became grandparents in June to Felicity Mae Moreau, daughter of Deb's daughter, Margaret.

When she was in New York City for a business trip in April 2010, Deb met for lunch with **Carol Pappas Bartold** of Bronxville. Carol recently earned a master's degree at Sarah Lawrence College, where she works for the dean, mostly on budgets and finances. She writes, does freelance work, and has joined a West Village writers' space. She sang at the Lincoln Center last winter and is in the Christ Church Choir, the Women's Vocal Ensemble at Sarah Lawrence College, and the Festival Choir at Concordia College. Carol looks forward to hearing from classmates and said that her stories about our latest reunion inspired a friend from the Class of 1976 to attend her reunion this year, and the friend had a marvelous time.

Jan Pace Brice is still executive director of a retirement community that was named best retirement facility in the region for the sixth consecutive year. Middle son Coleman graduated from Georgia Southern University

and plans to attend law school. Daughter Rebecca is a junior at Valdosta State University. Jan and husband Turner celebrated their 21st anniversary. While on the set of *Good Morning America* in New York City in January, Jan started talking with some graduate students and learned that one of them was a Mary Washington alum!

Barbara Buchanan

Shepherd is a director in the education department at the Kennedy Center in Washington. Husband Dave teaches high school German in Loudoun County. Daughter Julie graduated with honors from Virginia Tech in May and planned to head to graduate school or to France to teach for a year. Son Ben lives in Richmond, works in real estate, and promotes his band. As empty-nesters, Dave and Barbara spend more time at Washington Nationals baseball games, touring Virginia wineries, gardening, and traveling.

Since all three children left the nest, **Laura Pond Mattingly** and husband John sold their big old house in Fairfax Station, Va., and downsized to two apartments, a two-bedroom that is home and a one-bedroom used as the "man cave" and for storage. They plan to buy a new-build townhome farther out in Loudoun County. They both are retired and have a lot more time to travel and learn about the world and other cultures. Through the last few years, they have traveled around the U.S. and Great Britain and cruised the Mediterranean and Caribbean. They last cruised from Florida to San Diego via the Panama Canal and planned an October cruise out of Rome, with stops in Greece, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Italy, France, Spain, and Morocco and ending with a transatlantic journey to Florida. Their goal is to sail around the world in the next few years. John is a part-time consultant in the satellite industry, and they both do volunteer work. Their daughter still lives in Pennsylvania, and their older son, who graduated from Virginia Tech several years ago, is living it up in Northern Virginia. Their youngest, who graduated from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, lives in Portland, Ore.

Carole Mercader moved to Chantilly, Va. **Natalie Whitcomb**

Linder teaches geological sciences at Polk State College in Winter Haven, Fla. Last year she received tenure and was promoted to full professor. She lives in Lakeland to be closer to daughter Rachael, who graduated from Beloit College last May and works at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. Natalie's son, Eric, is a junior at the University of Arizona. Natalie is active in the Southeastern Geological Society, Florida Trail Association, and DAR.

Allan Jenkins has lived in Lenoir City, Tenn., about 25 miles west of Knoxville, since 1979 and been married for 27 years to wife extraordinaire Lezle. Oldest daughter Mica, a South Carolina graduate, is finishing three years with the Peace Corps and was to return soon from Mozambique. Daughter Marlee, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, was a summer intern with NFS in Salmon, Idaho. Son Arik is a sophomore mechanical engineering major at Alabama. Allan was to complete 25 years as a hydro-geologist with Tetra Tech in Oak Ridge, Tenn., this fall, and was looking forward to retirement – or an encore career – in a few years! He still plays guitar and rides motorcycles, and Lezle enjoys her horses. Allan still attends annual summer

get-togethers in Fredericksburg with several UMW classmates, including **Glenn Markwith '76**, **Emmett Snead '76**, **Steve Jones** (when he visits from Australia), **Richie Hasty '76**, **Chip Schwab '77**, **Candy Peplin Schwab '78**, **Eva Graham**, **Mike Littlefield**, **Gary Danley '76**, **Barb Sullivan**, **Margo Clifford '76**, and **Ann Chrissikos '76**.

Lynn Eastwood Rigelman has never attended a class reunion and has kept in touch with very few classmates, but her memories of her Mary Washington days remain vivid and fond! Lynn went to graduate school at the College of William & Mary, where she met husband Bruce. Our sincerest condolences go out to her, as Bruce suffered a major stroke in 2007, became disabled, and passed away after bilateral strokes following

surgery last year. Lynn and Bruce married in 1976, were together for nearly 34 years, and raised three daughters. He was a college professor but later attended U.Va. law school and practiced law in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Ohio, where they moved in 1991. For much of their early marriage, Lynn was a stay-at-home mom. She has taught preschool for the past 10 years and was looking forward to staying home and caring for her two grandsons. Lynn wrote that this last year has been the most difficult by far of the past 36. Family and friends sustain her as she enters this new phase in her life.

A big thanks to everyone who sent news for this issue. Remember, even if you don't think it's newsworthy, your classmates do, so send it on!

1976

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Greetings from your new class agent! I hope you will keep emailing your news. Those of us

Paramedic Cathy Kroohs '76 bicycled for seven days and 454 miles to benefit a medic colleague in the annual RAGBRAI ride across Iowa.

at our 35th reunion in June had a great time, thanks to **Carolyn Roberts** and **Cathy Colbert**, who chaired the reunion committee and did a great job! We hope to see a lot more of you at the 40th reunion, which **Daphne Johnston Elliott** and **Jean Ellis Crabtree** have volunteered to chair. Check out our Facebook group, "Mary Washington College Class of 1976." Cathy has done the work on that.

Our daughter, Ellen, received her master's degree in teaching from U.Va. and was to begin teaching second grade this fall with Fairfax County Public Schools. **Sue Sendlein Luscomb** came from Memphis to attend the reunion with me. One of the highlights of our trip was visiting Wegmans for the first time, and we had dinner there Saturday night with **Betty Anne Gupton Teter**

and **Jane Reese-Coulbourne**.

Cathy helped **Lucy Dee Kinsey** get ready for daughter Kate's wedding the week after the reunion. Kate is a vision therapist and new husband Philippe works in IT for Accenture. Lucy's other daughter, Monica, is a senior art major at VCU. Lucy's niece attends UMW and plays lacrosse. Lucy and husband Carroll planned to vacation out West this summer. She had a wonderful time catching up with classmates at the reunion picnic.

Carolyn Roberts married Jim Everett in February. The wedding was elegant and fun, and **Judy Sledge Joyce** and **Jan Biermann** celebrated with them. Jan said that anyone who wants to buy a 1903 Victorian cottage in Yonkers, N.Y., should write to her. **Becky Adams Mauck** is still married to Newby and they have children Lawrence and Cabell Layne, who both are married, and Andrew, who attends Hampden-Sydney College. Becky has taught preschool for more than 20 years and is now director of the school.

Gail Pullan, who has been in real estate for the past few years, moved to Atlanta in 1989 and loves it. **Mary Ruth Burton** married Rich McLain, lives in Richmond, and runs Burton-Fuller Management, which provides corporate training, executive coaching, and team development to organizations nationwide. Clients this year included VCU basketball coach Shaka Smart and athletic director Norwood Teague, who made a historic run to the Final Four! Her son works for Deloitte and lives in New York, and her daughter works for the Software Association of Oregon and lives in Portland.

Yolande Long does communications and coordinates the annual statewide conference for VOCAL, a non-profit statewide mental health consumer organization in Richmond. She received a master's of social work from VCU in 1978. Her eldest daughter graduated from VCU, where her older son is enrolled, and her younger son is at U.Va. She has one granddaughter. She

and her husband went to Hawaii in February and stopped in San Diego. Yolande regularly sees her son's godmother, **Melissa Baisch**

Face '78. Myra McCord Lovelace missed the reunion due to the high school graduation of husband Jim's daughter. She is the last one out of the nest and planned to attend Abilene Christian University. Myra continues to work in the chemical industry but hoped to retire at the end of the year, then possibly do part-time project work, giving her more time for volunteer work and art classes. Husband Jim works for a technology company in the oil field services market. He just returned from Russia and found Internet cafés in Red Square, which is quite different from when Myra visited 30 years ago behind the Iron Curtain. Daughter Leslie died in an auto accident nearly three years ago, but they celebrate her life every day. She loved butterflies and there is no shortage of reminders everywhere. Daughter Alex lives in Houston, so they see her quite often. They survived the relentless heat and drought in Texas this summer and were looking forward to fall.

Robin Rimmer Hurst was beginning her third year as an adjunct instructor at the UMW College of Business, teaching human resource management, organizational behavior, and organizational development and change. She is glad to be back on campus interacting with the talented Mary Washington students. **Cathy Kroohs** has been a paramedic with the Alexandria (Virginia) Fire Department for 25 years. Her big summer project was riding a bike for seven days and 454 miles across Iowa as a fundraiser for another AFD medic as part of RAGBRAI. It isn't a race, just a ride, with lots of stops to eat Iowa corn and barbecue.

1977 *Reunion Weekend*
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Rob Hall and I relocated in July to Saltville, Va., where Rob took the chief of police position. I am returning to Virginia to live for the first time since 1989. Stay tuned as I re-embrace the East Coast, family, and friends!

Edwin Brown sent news for the first time since we graduated. Ed majored in biology and chemistry and earned his master's degree at U.Va. He has lived in Florida for 33 years, and he and wife Nenita have sons Aldren, 23, and Anjover, 21. He is an environmental engineer, having worked on pollution treatment projects in private practice, but has been with the Army Corps of Engineers for the last 24 years and works in marine biology on environmental restoration projects in the Everglades and estuaries. He deployed for emergency work after the Alabama tornadoes, and his hobbies are gardening, growing palms and cycads, and traveling to tropical places like South Africa, Brazil, the Philippines, and Mexico. Ed said **Robin Pender '78** of Stevensville, Md., is a manager with the Defense Mapping Agency and likes to balloon and travel.

Almerinda "Mindy" Campo-Thomas of Wallingford, Pa., has a private career consulting practice in suburban Philadelphia specializing in counseling, coaching, and résumé writing. She also is on the faculty at Immaculata University in Malvern, Pa., where she teaches adult development, employee selection and psychometrics, and other organizational development courses. She is single and has three sons and a daughter, ages 20-26. Mindy said **Katherine "Nikki" Billos** visited her from Athens, Greece, and they had a ball shopping, restaurant hopping, and doing happy hours. Nikki hosted Mindy in Athens two years ago, and they traveled all over the Greek Islands on an unforgettable whirlwind trip. Mindy has also been in touch with **Liz Smith** of Lynchburg, Va.

Kathryn Wire Weatherhead is science department chair at Hilton Head Island High School, S.C., where she has taught for more than 31 years. She retired two years ago but continues to work more than full time. She is an adjunct assistant professor in the biology and marine science departments at the University of South Carolina and a College

Board consultant for AP biology and environmental science, presenting at workshops around the country. Her *Advanced Environmental Science* text, lab manual, and ancillaries won the Text and Academic Author's "Texty" Award for 2010 for outstanding physical science textbook. She also has published *AP Achiever* for McGraw-Hill, *Special Focus: Ecology* for College Board, and other texts and online curricula, including the new eTextPrep for AP biology and APES.

Daughter Hillary, who also lives on Hilton Head with her husband, was expecting a child late this year. Son Tyler and wife moved to Santa Monica, Calif., so Kathryn travels west

Kathryn Wire Weatherhead '77 won the Text and Academic Author's "Texty" Award for 2010 for her Advanced Environmental Science text, lab manual, and ancillaries.

frequently. Husband Paul works for the USPS headquarters in Washington, D.C., and telecommutes from Hilton Head. They enjoy traveling and planned to visit Paul's daughter, Lauren, in Argentina in October.

Maggie Jeffries-Honeycutt is a pediatrician at Child Health Associates in Warrenton, Va. Husband Don recently recuperated from major abdominal surgery, was in and out of the hospital and away from their medical practice for two months, but was back at work. A new physician was to join the practice in August, giving them some much needed time off together.

Betse Sharpe Trice, who attended Mary Washington from 1973 to 1975 and transferred to U.Va. to get her degree in special education, attended her first Mary Washington reunion in 2007. She was impressed by the changes at UMW and the beautifully organized reunion events. She had fun catching up with roommate **Dana DeGroot Grobicki** and many of her hall-mates, and she enjoys updates from friends whose children attend UMW. **Barbara Moseley** of Richmond's West End has worked for about 25 years with the Department of Corrections, where she is an

employee trainer/teacher. She counts the 40 or so children at church as her kids, even when they're all grown up. Barb dabbles in drama for her church but said that teaching adults can be dramatic enough. She also writes and hopes to one day have a couple of her books published.

Pat Seyller continues to be a costumer for the Opera Theatre of St. Louis Opera and the Virginia Opera, which presented *Aida* in September. **Kathy Haffey Bova** recently spent time with classmates **Terri Navas Slocomb, Melinda Peed May, Grace Matheny Lalonde, and Terrie Martin Dort**, who have made a point of getting together periodically since most of their children graduated and moved out. Terri and Steve Slocomb invited Melinda, Terrie, Grace, Kathy, and their spouses for a June weekend at their vacation home in Deep Creek, Md. They boated, dined, and caught up with each other. Melinda and husband Tom were to host the same group at their get-away home on Bells Creek in Virginia's Northern Neck in August. Last year the ladies of the group enjoyed a snowy New York weekend, the Broadway play *Wicked*, and lots of girl talk. **Karen Mann** has worked on her own computer consulting company, KEM Networks, LLC, for the past two years. Maintaining a client base is stressful, but not working for someone else makes a world of difference.

In April and May a group of Ball Third West residents, including **Jody Nutter Amberly '76, Laura Ann Ewers Cline, Kathye Baldwin Geary, Dana DeGroot Grobicki, Kathy Diehl Hartman, Jane Albert McGee, and Alison Stern Wood**, took their spring break together on a cruise to Bermuda. Missing group member **Lisa Lyle Wu** was busy teaching and couldn't get away. The trip was filled with laughter, relaxation, drinking, good food, and best friends. Jody and Dana both have children who are married and grandsons. Jane and Kathy have sons who were to graduate from college shortly after the cruise. Kathy's oldest son was to marry in September, and her oldest daughter, **Amanda Hartman '05**, got engaged over the summer. Kathye's son was accepted into the Johns Hopkins

graduate program. Laura Ann's family cruised the western Mediterranean in February, and two of her daughters returned from Afghanistan and Iraq.

1978

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Judy Kemp Allard's mother, who has lived with them in Mechanicsville, Va., since 2005, turned 90 in April, is sharp, and works circles around Judy, literally, in her wheelchair. Her only downfall is her arthritic feet. Youngest Jacob turned 13 in April and is in eighth grade. Judy said he is fun and has yet to hit the sullen teen stage. Melanie graduated from VCU in May, was temping as an instructional assistant with Henrico County, and had one more leg of student teaching before she could get her state teaching license. Christopher was going back into full-time food service at a new Mechanicsville restaurant. Husband Randy, a safety specialist, has been with Dominion Virginia Power for 24 years. Judy is "retired," teaches middle school math remediation part time, and loves the flexibility.

Jeanne Weller planned a quick May trip to New York City. She is the Internet safety guru for the Virginia Department of Education, heads up several professional development projects for teachers, and reviews all division technology plans for the state. Husband Randy works for Altria, and they were beginning to plan for his retirement. Eldest Emily, 20, went to community college then transferred to U.Va., where she majors in Spanish.

Mary Ann Kennedy Kane recently earned a master's degree in speech-language pathology with a specialization in aging at Ohio State University. It took 32 years, but she finally achieved her goal. She was seeking a position in a medical, skilled nursing, or rehab setting in Columbus. Grown children Allison and Bobby and husband Brian were to help celebrate when she received

her degree in August. Mary Ann would love to reconnect with other speech pathology and audiology majors from the Class of '79.

I want to hear from more of you, so email me at the address above and your news will be in a future edition of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*.

1980

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Vicky Wilder and I attended a recent meeting of Friends of Dance of UMW to discuss details of scholarships that were to be awarded in the fall. The Claudia Moore Read Scholarship and the Sonya Dragomanovic Haydar Scholarship are awarded yearly to individuals who are outstanding students, dancers, choreographers, and performers and who express an interest in dance beyond graduation and have participated in the development and work of the Performing Arts Club (PAC). Other Friends of Dance members who are UMW alums include **Gail Conway '86**, **Florence Ridderhof '50**, **Rozzie Whitescarver '71**, and **Kristin Gauta '08**. This year's goal is to increase our involvement with PAC by inviting visiting choreographers. Vicky and I are also members of the Sacred Dance Ensemble of Fredericksburg, which hosted the July workshop "Dancing the Psalms," attended by members of sacred dance groups around the area and country.

1981

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Our reunion in June was wonderful! Not one of us looks like we've been out of college for 30 years. It was great to see all who could make it and catch up. Everyone had a terrific time, whether attending for one event or the whole weekend. It was the first time since graduation that some had been back on campus, which has changed a lot but is as beautiful as ever. The highlight was the Friday night class party, hosted by Bill and **Theresa "Terrie" Young Crawley '77** at their beautiful home. Here are updates from a few of those in attendance:

I went to Italy for three weeks in May, spending the first

two weeks at an Italian language school in Montepulciano in Tuscany and visiting relatives in Perugia, then heading south to Naples, where I lived in the early '80s, and to Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast. **Jenifer Blair '82** was in Southern California for a June conference and visited me and my family for a few days. JB is director of college counseling at The Boys' Latin School of Maryland in Baltimore.

Eileen O'Connell worked for 17 years after graduation for two nonprofits in the Washington, D.C., area, AAPA and ICMA, before switching to the dark side and becoming a business analyst/IT consultant for iMIS software. She put down roots in Alexandria's West End and is a weekend docent at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. She has been catching up on travels, including a trip to Ireland, Italy, and Bermuda with her dad, and has a gaggle of family to enjoy, including six nephews and two nieces, ages 8 to 28. The past year held another adventure in medicine, as Eileen was diagnosed with breast cancer last fall. She finished treatments and was waiting for her hair to grow back and the last effects of chemo and radiation to wear off. She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2002 but is now disease free.

After 21 years with Onondaga County (Syracuse, N.Y.) government, **Lynn Shepherd Scott** started work in January 2010 in senior leadership at Upstate University Hospital at SUNY's Upstate Medical University, which recently acquired another hospital, so there is always something new to work on. Lynn came to reunion with husband Rob. They celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and are young, hip grandparents, with their third grandchild due in August.

Rene Howe Brooks, who is on Facebook, and husband Mayson of Sarasota, Fla., traveled to Eleuthera, Bahamas, in July. **Kathy Ramsey** got a job with News Corp./Fox in Washington, D.C. **Stephanie Amato Scheff** teaches in Spotsylvania County, Va., is involved with UMW's student teachers and master of education program, and enjoys running through Fredericksburg with her husband. **Mary**

Chidester Jones, a third-grade teacher; husband **Scott Jones '83**, a defense contractor; son Luke, a JMU freshman; and daughter Jesse live in King George, Va.

Laure Durbin Ferguson, an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay, and husband Mark, a vice admiral in the Navy, live at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. Mark, who serves as deputy chief of naval operations for manpower, personnel, training, and education, recently was nominated for assignment as vice chief of naval operations and for his fourth star. **Bridget Meaney Weaver** and husband John of Alexandria, Va., have three sons. Mac works in New York, Tom is at Colorado College, and Henry is at St. Andrew's School in Delaware. Bridget has volunteered for years for the Campagna Center, is on its board of directors, and recently received its 2011 Anne Culbert Legacy of Service Award, recognizing a community member whose dedication, spirit, leadership, and influence has left a legacy on an organization.

Mark Ingrao of Falls Church, Va., is president and CEO of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, is part of the "chain gang" on the Redskins sidelines, and umpires softball games. Last spring he trained softball umpires for the Army in Vicenza, Italy, and Nuremberg, Germany. Read about Mark and **Eileen O'Connell's** heroics during the Bushnell Hall fire of December 1980 in Bill Crawley's book, *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008*.

Bruce London, a Mary Washington sociology professor when we were students there, came to reunion with daughter **Lisa London '06**, who works for UBS in Boston. Bruce's son, Dave, was also there with wife Lindsay, who was Lisa's college roommate. Bruce teaches at Clark University in Worcester, Mass.

Cedric Rucker, dean of student life at UMW, heard from **Bob Mooney**, who is an attorney and chief compliance officer at Wells Fargo retail brokerage in St. Louis and has three adult children with wife Patty. **Barb Heyl**, who couldn't make it to the

reunion, is the chief physician's assistant at a cardio-thoracic and vascular surgery practice in Maine, where she has worked for 23 years. **Vicki Reynard**

Thorne of San Jose, Calif., also missed the reunion, as she was preparing for daughter Vivian's wedding. Vicki and Kevin have four children.

I have the sad duty of relaying the sudden death of **Charlotte Clare Snyder** in June from complications of hypertension. Charlotte lived in Ellicott City, Md., and is survived by husband Mike and children Matthew, Nicholas, and Natalie. Our deepest sympathies go to Charlotte's family.

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1983

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Our middle son is a freshman at Tufts University, so only one son, Frank, a high school senior, remains at home. Eldest Tom is finishing his senior year at Yale. My dad, 93, spent the summer and fall with us. Work keeps us busy as does traveling, and I'm ready to downsize this big house.

Perry Roberts LeGaux and **Elden LeGaux** of Greensboro, N.C., are enjoying their time as empty nesters and traveling more.

Susann Lusnia '85 began a term as director of the *Classical Summer School of the American Academy in Rome*.

Daughter Amanda, 22, graduated last year from Western Carolina University, lives on her own, and works in advertising at Trone in Greensboro. Jordan, 19, is a sophomore in the music theater program at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. Her twin, Kelsey, majors in nutrition and food management at Appalachian State University in Boone and has aspirations of becoming a baker and pastry chef.

Glen Bell traveled with his family to Alaska, visiting

Seward and Denali. His sons started fourth and sixth grade in August. **Mary Ann Mayer's** bed and breakfast is doing well despite the economy. They participated in this year's Topher Bill Memorial Scholarship Auction and their local Walk MS, donated rooms for servicemen and women to stay for free at their B&B in honor of Veterans Day, and enjoy giving back to the community.

Chris Landon lives in Fredericksburg, and his businesses, Landon Companies, LLC, are doing well. Wife Ronda has done government contracting for 10 years, oldest daughter Leah was to start VCU this fall, youngest daughter Lindsey is a high school senior, and son Tim works full time and is in his fifth year with Stafford County Fire and Rescue. Chris is involved with local history, in particular helping save Civil War battlefields.

1984

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Auby J. Curtis here, wishing the Class of 1984 a good year and hoping the next issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine* will have a full page of news from our class. If you have updates about your lives, please share. A special shout-out to both **Dan Wolfs**, **Kimberly Daly**, **Blythe Stuart**, **Allen Cox**, **Lauren Ferguson**. I have fond memories of my time at Mary Washington, mostly from the pub and dances; of course, the drinking age was 18 then (the good old days). My superb Mary Washington education jetted me into a wonderful career in the Department of Defense arena and has carried me into other endeavors, both academic and entrepreneurial. I am still working on my first book, *Global Peace at Last*, which I hope to publish this year. Email me soon. Sincere best wishes to all.

1985

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I received several long, newsy emails for this issue. Thanks, classmates! If you want to read them in their entirety, let me know and I'll forward them to you. Meanwhile, here are synopses.

Charlotte James Young has lived in Murfreesboro, Tenn., with her family for nine years and teaches second grade at Discovery School. She is in her 17th year of teaching, after taking 10 years off to be with daughters Caroline, 13, and Catherine Ann, 10, who both are athletic like their parents and play travel soccer. Husband Phil teaches business and coaches

Kris Kabza '86 coaches the University of Mary Washington women's rugby team.

cross country at the local high school. In November 2010, Charlotte was part of a 12-woman team that ran the Ragnar Relay, covering more than 200 miles, from Chattanooga to Nashville. Each runner ran three legs of four to six miles each, and they won their age division.

Patti Varner, a.k.a. **Patricia Glenn Winne**, lives on Tinsel Circle in Santa Claus, Ind. She actually enjoys experiencing Christmas 24/7/365 but hopes to relocate near family in Charlottesville and work in a private elementary school setting. Having been in education for more than 25 years, she has taught every grade from kindergarten to sixth and is now a library media/technology specialist teacher for two schools. Her divorce six years ago, she said, was the best decision she'd made in years, though she is grateful for the daughters who came from that marriage. Older daughter Amanda of Northern Virginia was to make her a grandmother in September. Younger daughter Elizabeth was enrolled at Hollins University but had to withdraw for health reasons and will probably begin college again in Indiana.

Ann Marie Victor and **Scott Stableford** have lived in Virginia Beach for 15 years, raising their children. Daughter Seychelle ("yes, like the islands," Scott

wrote), is a photography major who was to earn her degree in art from VCU this year, and son Sean was to start at UMW in August, making his parents proud and eager to visit campus. **Russell Berry** is on the board of directors for the MetroTex Association of Realtors, which covers Dallas and Fort Worth and is the fifth largest association in the country, and serves on the Texas Association of Realtors' Political Action Committee. **Susan Waid Beard**'s oldest, Thomas, was one of five seniors chosen this school year to be a Prefect, the highest leadership position, at Christ School, in Asheville, N.C.

Susann Lusnia, who still teaches classical studies at Tulane University, was appointed assistant director for the school's new Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching. She is in charge of faculty development as it relates to classroom engagement. In the summer, she began a three-year term as director of the Classical Summer School of the American Academy in Rome, leading a group of secondary school teachers, graduate students, and advanced undergraduate students through the monuments of ancient Rome and surrounding areas. **Kathleen Dwyer Miller** lives in Winchester, Va., with husband Gregg, an independent contractor for Herff Jones' Scholastic division, and their children. She enjoys her New Orleans roots and, with her eight siblings, helped celebrate her mother's 80th birthday last spring with a big party across Lake Pontchartrain.

If you don't receive my emails asking for news every few months, please send me your address so I can include you on the reminder list. We want to hear from everybody!

1986

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Thanks to all who made it to the 25th reunion; we had a wonderful time. Campus has changed a lot but is as beautiful as ever. It was amazing to see that the rooms in Jefferson Hall are exactly as we left them that long-ago May day in 1986! Everyone seems to be doing well, and a few classmates have children they're trying

to persuade to go to UMW. **Kris Kabza** coaches Mary Washington's rugby team.

I have heard from a couple classmates who couldn't make the reunion. **Michelle Runge** moved from Las Vegas back to Los Angeles, where she was pursuing a sales position with an international company that was to open offices in the fall. **Tracy Greener Hollan** helped run a children's retreat on a mission with her children in the Black Forest in Wolfach, Germany.

I would love to hear from more of you, so please email me or find me on Facebook.

1987 Reunion Weekend

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From Kim: I have been busy with work, making changes, and building the business. Ken and I also are working on another business venture that I hope will be finished soon. In July, I visited my hometown of Richmond for a week and spent time with **Bev Newman '88**. My son, Chris, spent the summer at home and was to start his sophomore year at Oklahoma State in August.

J. Michael Good of Charlotte, N.C., went to Tanzania, Africa, in February and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. All five in his group made the summit despite 2 feet of fresh snow. Mike works for Bank of America, lives with his wife and three children, and is head cross country coach for their middle and high school teams, coaching more than 60 runners last fall.

Don't forget, I'm on Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac." Your classmates and I would love to hear what's going on in your lives, so please send updates!

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I attended an Esri International User Conference in San Diego in July, a great networking and educational opportunity for those in the geographical information systems industry. In the past, I've seen other Mary Wash grads there, including **Kevin Wright** and **Patti Mims**. A week in San Diego is always a good thing!

Spend time with Mary Wash friends lately? Take a cool vacation? Get married? Have kids ... or grandkids? Please share your life updates with our class.

1991

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Hello, Class of '91. We had a great turnout at our 20th Reunion Weekend in June, and it was nice to see so many of you. Highlights included a reception at Brompton, our class party at Brock's (formerly Sophia Street Station), dinner and dessert and a picnic on campus, kids' activities in Ball Circle, walking tours of the campus and the new Eagle Village, the Rabble Rousers reunion show at Otter House (formerly Irish Brigade) downtown, and a Sunday farewell brunch. It was great to catch up and relive old times.

Jessica Perkins Storrs has been a librarian at the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in Washington, D.C., for 15 years. She and husband Gary of Alexandria, Va., spend time with **Ellen Menk Wise**, who lives nearby, and Jessica regularly sees cousin **Ally Serio Younica '97** and **Clinton Piper '92**. **Laura Hilton English** and husband Ed of Redmond, Wash.,

celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary with a trip to Vietnam and Cambodia in the summer of 2010, while their two children visited grandparents in Annapolis, Md. Laura, a life coach with a photography business, was disappointed to miss the reunion, but work, travel, and kid-management took priority.

Janet Nestlerode of Pensacola, Fla., is a research ecologist with the U.S. EPA Gulf Ecology Division and focuses on coastal wetlands. She has worked

U.S. EPA ecologist Janet Nestlerode '91 focuses on coastal wetlands across the northern Gulf of Mexico and helped guide the EPA's 2011 National Wetland Condition Assessment, the first national-level survey of its kind.

in wetlands across the northern Gulf of Mexico, most recently in mangrove habitats in the Tampa region. She also has helped guide the EPA's 2011 National Wetland Condition Assessment, the first national-level survey of its kind. As part of a 12-member U.S. delegation, Janet traveled to three provinces in southeastern China in November 2010, meeting with local and provincial government officials about wildlife refuge and nature reserve management and wetland enhancement, restoration, and monitoring.

Diana Kelley of Warrenton, Va., attended the 20th reunion in June and encourages everyone to come to the next one. Diana is a senior analyst with ATF, is pursuing a master of education in instructional design at George Mason University, and was to have published a *Family Circus*-type book, her first, about her two adopted children. In May, **George Asiello**, wife Beth, and big sister Rylee welcomed 7-pound, 2-ounce baby Holden. Everyone was happy and adjusting well.

Todd Stayin '92 had been working and traveling often with EMC Consulting, then began a local job with Time Warner Cable in Herndon, Va. He and wife Laura welcomed their first child, Elle Marie, in December 2010 and took a family vacation to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks in

July. The Rabble Rousers (**Mark Reeves, James Benvenuto, Jeff Miers, Dave Smallwood**, and Todd) put on a great show at the Otter House in Fredericksburg during the Class of 1991's 20th reunion and plan more shows in the Washington, D.C., Fredericksburg, and Richmond areas. Todd still sees Mary Washington friends, including **Dave Sanders, Jeff Miers, Steve Wohleking, Mike Antonio, Ben Hurley, Jim Harman, Gary Witzenburg, Mark Mesterhazy, Kevin Payne, James Whalen, and Michele Silver**.

Billy Germelman left Mary Washington buddies **Mike Smith** and **Marc Tate** at Booz Allen Hamilton and joined a smaller firm, Cetan Corp. in Chesapeake, Va. He works from home in much the same role as the one he had as a project manager at Booz Allen and was to earn his project management professional certification. Billy's children are fine, and his pipe band competed in the grade V division at the Labor Day Weekend Virginia Scottish Games and Festival at Great Meadow in The Plains, Va.

Please keep your news and updates coming. I look forward to hearing from you!

1992 Reunion Weekend

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I'm happy to be your new class agent and hope to hear from more of you in the coming months.

My husband, Tom, and I have lived in Johns Creek, Ga., for more than five years and celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary in October. Our house is almost completely renovated, and our cats, Leo and

Luna, will be glad when the construction is finished – and so will we. Tom and I vacationed in the Bahamas in November and December 2010. We went scuba diving over reefs and wrecks, played in poker tournaments, and danced in the Junkanoo street party parade. We spent the holidays with my family in Lexington, Va., with two dozen of us gathering at my grandparents' house on Christmas Eve. In May, we

vacationed in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, touring the Mayan ruins of Tulum and scuba diving at the Taj Mahal cenote, a sinkhole caused by an underground water source. I recently was appointed social director for my community; I enjoyed planning a successful Memorial Day weekend pool party and have lots of ideas for a fun-filled year. Tom and I are becoming Atlanta Outdoor Club trip leaders. We've hiked and camped in several states and hope to organize a Costa Rican adventure. This summer, we enjoyed the beach at St. Simons Island, Ga., and whitewater rafting on Tennessee's Ocoee River. Please email me or message me on Facebook and let me know what's going on in your world.

Former Class Agent **Kate Stanford McCown** sends greetings to the Class of 1992 and wants everyone to know how much she enjoyed being class agent. Her family experienced huge but happy changes in January. Husband John took a job as international tax director for Walmart, so they moved from New Jersey to Walmart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark. One week later, Kate; John; Mary Ella, 8; and Jack, 6, welcomed Ashlyn Elizabeth. They love Arkansas but miss being near Kate's family in Northern Virginia. Her sister and niece visited recently, and they spent three days at Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri. "So, I'm starting over here, back to changing diapers and buying Gerber baby food ..." Kate said. "I hope everyone keeps sending updates to Courtney."

Kathleen Riopelle Roberts '92, a librarian with Henrico County (Va.) Public Schools, was her school's Teacher of the Year.

Christine Harrison Grant, a certified life coach and nonprofit fundraising consultant, has been busy building her coaching and consulting company, Nonprofit Support Solutions, based in Raleigh, N.C. She started it early this year after more than 18 years as a professional fundraiser for nonprofits. She provides customized solutions for helping nonprofit boards and staffs raise significantly more

money with ease. Christine is also a fundraising volunteer at Hospice of Wake County and COPE Eldercare, and she is a member of the Triangle chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Raleigh chapter of the International Coach Federation. She is looking forward to the 20th class reunion next year and hopes all our classmates will come and contribute to our reunion gift program!

Linda Kelly Hadley and Jeff, her husband of 15 years, of Apex, N.C., have children Anna, 8, who started third grade, and Will, 5, who is in kindergarten. They get to the beach as often as they can but otherwise can be found between soccer and baseball fields. **Nellie L. King**, a West Palm Beach attorney, was sworn in as president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (FACDL) at the association's 24th annual meeting at Four Seasons Resort in Palm Beach in June. FACDL is a 2,000-member organization, known as "Liberty's Last Champion," that strives to advance the knowledge of criminal defense practitioners, promote the proper administration of criminal justice, and

encourage the integrity and independence of the criminal defense bar. Nellie is also past president and board member of the Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a frequent lecturer on constitutional issues. (Find a profile of Nellie on page 60.)

Andy Gustafson, wife Ivy, and children Max, 3, and Maggie, 1½, planned to move from Northern Virginia to Tampa, Fla., where they will miss friends and fellow alums, including **Eric Stohr '93** and **Tamara Pfile-Stohr '93**, **Rob Nevin** and **Sarah Cooke Nevin '93**, **Gordon Dixon**, **John Van Vleet '93**, **Newton Tiffany '95**, **Joe Kruper**, and **Kent Ingram '93**. **Mike Antonio, Kelly Walker Antonio '94**, and their three boys live in Kilmarock, Va. Kelly teaches first grade, and Mike runs his own graphic design business, coaches, and

likes to fish with the kids. He stays in touch with **Todd Stayin**, who, with wife Laura, finally joined the parenthood club this past year with baby Elle; **Steve Wohleking '91** of Herndon, Va., who is an aspiring singer/guitar player in the band Camelotosis; and **Bernard Johnson '94**, who is married, has two daughters, and works for Pfizer in Pittsburgh. Mike's brother-in-law, **Chip Walker**, is married, has two children, works for Wells Fargo in St. Louis, and still plays a lot of golf.

Marc Tate lives in Centreville, Va., with wife Cemmi and their two children, Marcus and Maddie. He is a principal with Booz Allen Hamilton, celebrated 11 years with the firm, and was recently quoted in *NISH Workplace* magazine highlighting the success of employing veterans with disabilities. **Jay Mitchell** of Atlanta, a consultant for the software development company Xpanxion, is married to Julie Isakson Mitchell, and they have children Cecilia, 4, and Hunter, 2.

Bob Franklin married **Beth Johnston '90** in April 2010. Chris Kilmartin, UMW psychology professor, was Bob's best man, and **Kevin Shirley**

Fox Sports' This Week in Baseball featured Tim Landis '93 and his father, who in 1932 was in the front row at Babe Ruth's legendary "called shot" World Series game.

'90 and **Todd Combs '89** were ushers. Bob still works for the Virginia Department of Health, where he provides training and resources to professionals across the state on the prevention of sexual, domestic, and teen dating violence and statutory rape. He recently enjoyed an educational trip to Puerto Rico with the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

Kathleen Riopelle Roberts lives in Richmond with husband Matt and children Henry and Sophie. She is a librarian with Henrico County Public Schools and was last year's Teacher of the Year at her school. **Julie Lail Porter** lives in Virginia Beach with husband Steve and children Jacob, 11, and Maura, 9. They have two Labrador retriever

puppies and enjoy going to the beach whenever they can. Julie uses her UMW computer science degree as a business intelligence architect for Sentara Healthcare, where her department designs and builds data warehouses and analytical systems. Julie spent a weekend in Fredericksburg with **Mary Ryan Cox**, who lives in Fairfax with husband Allen and daughters Clare and Kate, and they were amazed and impressed by all the changes on campus.

Tevin Chaney of

Fredericksburg sold his mini-golf business in Williamsburg in 2007 and spent three years (one at the College of William & Mary and two at UMW) getting a second bachelor's degree, this one in environmental science, and a certificate in geospatial information science (GIS). He works in the GIS division for the City of Alexandria, is pursuing a master's in GIS full time at the University of Maryland, College Park, and was to be done by spring. Tevin enjoyed hearing the Rabble Rousers play at the Otter House (formerly the Irish Brigade) at the Class of '91's 20th reunion weekend in June.

Tevin reports the following:

Anne Thompson Mendez of Centreville, Va., works for the USPTO, is married, and has two children. Steve Lee, director of software development for Raytheon Solipsys, married **Lindsay Mast**, and they live in Alexandria and have two children. **Barbara Elwell '91** of Leesburg, Va., is married and a stay-at-home mom of two.

1993

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From Cheryl: I am recently married and enjoyed a honeymoon on Petit St. Vincent in the Grenadines. In honor of the marriage, **Aimee Cooper Starr** and family and **Lejai Baldwin** attended a poolside party in Virginia Beach, where we listened to steel drum music as the sun set and chatted

into the evening about our fantastically happy days at Mary Washington.

Tim Landis and his dad were featured in the Father's Day episode of *This Week in Baseball* on Fox Sports. In 1932, Tim's dad was a 10-year-old boy in the front row at Babe Ruth's legendary "called shot" game, voted baseball's most famous World Series moment in an ESPN poll, where Ruth pointed to centerfield, then hit the next pitch over the fence

The Connecticut Council for the Social Studies recognized **Rebecca Taber-Conover '95** for program development, leadership, and collaboration at Connecticut's Old State House, where she is public programs coordinator.

for a homerun. There has always been debate as to whether Ruth was actually predicting where he would hit the ball, but Tim's dad is emphatic that he was, and that he had the best seat in the house to see it. Tim collects vintage sports memorabilia and found a photo of his dad at the game, legitimizing his story. They are thrilled his account was made public after nearly 80 years, helping to substantiate one of the most famous events in baseball history.

Stephen Covert, who served for three years as director of human resources for Spotsylvania County Schools, was appointed assistant superintendent for human resources in March. Wife **Amy Parrish Covert '95** is busy with sons Ben and Bear; Bear was to start preschool this fall. **Kristin Breata Hodes** is an at-home mom living in Northern Virginia with her husband and son. **Anne Dressler Fox** said Emma and Joseph did great this year on the neighborhood swim team with Ben Salp, son of **Jill Whelan** and Andrew. They celebrated **Rob Teweles' 40th** birthday in May with loads of bourbon. Ann lost her dad in May after a long illness, and he was to be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ngozi Obi's second published book, *When Dreams and Visions Collide*, is available online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble. **Mary Ellen Dunn** and **Mylinda McConnell Green** saw **Melissa Czarnecki** when her mom passed away. Melissa

was planning the ninth annual Joey C. Cup golf tournament to benefit Life with Cancer, in memory of her brother, sister, and now her mom. They have raised more than \$92,000 so far.

From Bethany: Please take a moment as you read this report to send me a quick email so I'll have your address. That way, when I get ready to send out the next request for updates, you will be on my email list.

I still live in Arlington with husband **Ben Sutton '95** and daughters Claudia, 5½, and Cara, 2½. I was promoted to chief of staff at the Association of American Colleges and Universities in fall 2010. **Tama Welch Press** and **Jon Press '92** live in the Chicago suburb of Oswego, Ill. Oldest daughter Maddie is a high school freshman; their youngest is in seventh grade. Tama works from home for SunTrust and leads a college and 20s group at church, which brings back fun UMW memories. Jon is a client relationship manager for the private software company Investortools and travels often to New York and Boston.

Harriet Greenlee-Herndon ferried kids to activities this summer and was training for a 50-mile trail run in Duluth, Minn., in July. **Anita Essalih** lives in Houston with her English cocker spaniel and dates a gentleman from her church seniors group. Son **Tony Essalih '99**, who has daughters Grace, 4, and Libby, 1, and his wife live nearby. Anita does volunteer work and walks and watches pets. She planned to come to Fredericksburg in September, when she was to visit her 88-year-old mother.

Leann Vernon, who works with BethanyKids, a nonprofit organization supporting missionary surgeons in Africa who treat children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, sent updates about others. **Suzanne Horsley** of Tuscaloosa, Ala., a University of Alabama faculty member, is active with her husband as an American Red Cross volunteer and helped after this spring's devastating tornado. **Cindy Dunnivant Easterday** is director of human resources at American & Efird in Charlotte, N.C., and has a Chihuahua named Waggle.

Tools of Advocacy, Research, and Persuasion Honed at UMW

The path that led **Ben Franklin '06** to a career in law started out when he was just a kid growing up in Danbury, Conn. In high school, he took part in a mock-trial program and interned at a local law firm to see if he liked the work, and he did. "Law is one of those things I wanted to do ever since I was in elementary school," Franklin said.

Coming to Mary Washington turned out to be a good step toward that goal. Franklin, 27, picked UMW because he wanted a smaller liberal arts college with a good history department. He also wanted a school far enough away from home to allow him what he called "that true college experience."

What he learned in his four years at Mary Washington helped lay the foundation for his chosen career. Franklin got involved in the University's Debate Program, where he honed his skills in advocacy and oral persuasion.

In his classes, Franklin said, the close interaction with faculty taught him about researching and writing. That one-on-one work with professors "is not something that would happen at a large research institution, but Mary Washington puts a value on that."

After earning a bachelor's degree in history and graduating *summa cum laude*, Franklin worked in the Capitol Hill office of Mike DeWine, then a senator representing Ohio. "It seemed like everybody I worked for was an attorney," he said. "If you wanted to pursue any type of career, a law degree was the tool to get there."

So Franklin entered the Boston University School of Law, graduating *cum laude* in 2009. After a stint working for a member of the Boston City Council, Franklin became an associate at McDermott Will & Emery, in the firm's Boston office, where today his practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense and civil litigation.



Every day, Ben Franklin '06 realizes his lifelong desire to work in law at the Boston firm of McDermott Will & Emery. In May, Franklin was part of a successful appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He also serves as president of the Boston UMW Alumni Network.

One of Franklin's high points with the firm came in May, when he was part of a successful appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. The firm was petitioning the court to require Massachusetts to provide hormone therapy to a transgender client whom a judge had committed to the state's Department of Corrections. Franklin worked with a team to prepare the brief to the appeals court and wrote the argument section. In May, the appeals court ordered the state to provide the necessary care. "That was a fantastic opportunity," he said. "You learn a lot from it."

That case was a big step in part because it gave Franklin a chance to learn from more senior attorneys at the firm. That experience mirrors what he found at UMW, he said. "You learn the value of a teaching faculty when you're at Mary Washington."

- Robert Burke

Mae. **Carolyn Herndon Ewers**, husband Andrew, and daughter Amy, who live on Kangaroo Island in South Australia, traveled in June and July in the U.S., visiting friends and family. **Diane Easter** is special assistant to the president and director of events and ceremonies at Longwood University.

Debbie Newell Scott and **Stacey McInerney Law** returned from Hawaii and Las Vegas, respectively, to the greater Washington, D.C., area with their families. **Necole Dunnivan**

Christmas and her children welcomed husband-dad Brian back home in Fredericksburg last year from Afghanistan. I'm excited to attend the Labor Day weekend wedding of **Jason Ackerman**, who works at Georgetown University. **Kathy Mulvaney** was married this spring, lives on Capitol Hill, and works at the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Rebecca Taber-Conover of Simsbury, Conn., is public programs coordinator at Connecticut's Old State House. She became the first-ever recipient of the Connecticut Council for the Social Studies' Bruce Fraser Friend of CCSS Award, presented to a non-teaching professional who significantly furthered the advancement of social studies education. Rebecca was recognized for her contributions to the development of educational and community programming and for her leadership in the museum's collaboration with the Connecticut Historical Society on the 2010 and 2011 History Day competition.

1996

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1997 *Reunion Weekend*

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After seven years with the OptumHealth division of UnitedHealthcare, I pursued a

Vanessa Valley Wedding '97 of King George, Va., published her first novel, An Uncivilized Yankee, as an e-book.

new opportunity and promotion, becoming director of member engagement operations for UnitedHealthcare Community & State. I enjoy the challenge of working with Medicare products during healthcare reform. In May, **Vanessa Valley Wedding** of King George, Va., published her first novel, *An Uncivilized Yankee*, available

online at Amazon. **Jason Terril** was to travel with friends to Alaska and the Yukon. **Crissandra**

Finno Domroes and husband Stephen moved back east to Connecticut after 10 years in Houston, were excited to start fresh and have four seasons again, and expected their first child, a girl, in August.

This is the shortest class update I've written in 14 years. I'll chalk it up to everyone being busy having a fun and exciting summer, and I will expect more news in the next issue – don't forget to write!

1998

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Adrien Snedeker Dickerson reports that she and husband Adam "still have a baby." **Betsy Kiger West** and husband Michael also have a baby, albeit a newer model; Ella Elizabeth was born in June. **Alexis Kingham Fuge** and husband's

second child was due in January. **Robyn Oliver Hedges** and **Mark Hedges '95** welcomed daughter Sierra Rachel in July.

Stephen O'Connell, who has taught geography for three years as an adjunct and visiting professor at UMW, and wife Maggie were to leave Fredericksburg for Little Rock, Ark. Stephen accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, where his cowboy boots will seem slightly less out of place. **James Creegan** and wife Meg live in New Jersey, where James recently made partner at his law firm. The highlight of his year was traveling to UMW for a rugby alumni weekend!

Michelle Ciarlo-Hayes and husband looked forward to celebrating their 10th anniversary. Philadelphia City Hall was to display some of Michelle's photography during the *Score* exhibit there from July to September, and her artwork is included in a calendar available at bookstores.

Though James Creegan '98 recently made partner at his law firm, the highlight of his year was traveling to UMW for a rugby alumni weekend!

Caitlin Jenkins Losh and husband Jason were to move from one coast to another, leaving Brooklyn in the rearview mirror and heading to Los Angeles. Caitlin and son Paul were to meet up with Jason in December after Caitlin finishes her fellowship at the Brooklyn Museum. **Mandy Grandle Freds**, husband Will, and their children drove across the country from Toronto to Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Seattle after Will finished his course at Canadian Forces College.

Finally, in truly epic news, **Sean Tuffy** was wed in Dublin, Ireland, in October. Deacon and I, along with **Michael Cirami**, **Erik Kloss**, **Ed Kriete**, and **Ashley Hicks Weisleder**, made the trip to the Emerald Isle to watch him make an honest woman out of wife Lorraine.

And that's the news from the Class of 1998! Email updates and happenings you'd like to share to the address above. You don't even have to wait for me to ask.

1999

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I had a great summer in Atlanta, watched friends get married, traveled to Kiawah, S.C., drove a front loader at Ryan Klesko's tree farm, visited friends in Washington, D.C., hung out at the dog park, and read. I began my fifth year at the Trinity School and continue to teach fourth grade. It was great to hear from all of you. Keep me informed.

Brian Straight was a civilian with the Department of Defense from 2006 to 2010, was in Iraq from 2007 to 2008, and did some work in Central America when he got back, "most awesomely in Honduras during the coup in 2009." He was in Colombia from 2009 to 2010 and traveled all over that country and throughout South America. He returned at the end of the year to join the Foreign Service/State Department, trained in Washington, D.C., for three months, and was shipped in April to Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, where he planned to be through mid-2013. He is a diplomat beginning his first two-year tour. Brian has no wife nor children and wasn't interested in either as he turned 35 this November.

Martha Smith said, "The problem with the movie business is that you have to keep on working or else you are out of the loop!" Since February, she has worked on the same project, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, starring Tom

Jason Vickers '00, who splits his time between New York and Los Angeles, has worked for actress Renée Zellweger for almost five years.

Hanks and Sandra Bullock and slated to come out in December. (Martha got to talk with Sandy Bullock about her mom – for all the Helga Bullock UMW

students out there!) **Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom, Flora Adams Mays, and Jeff Seaman** attended **Jenny Moss'** June wedding to Chad Van Riper in Kinsale in Virginia's Northern Neck. Her sister, **Beth Moss Burke '98**, was matron of honor.

Flora Adams Mays of Birmingham, Ala., an elementary school teacher, and husband Keith welcomed their first son, Porter Emory, in March. **Erin Murphy Thorp** moved from Washington State back to the East Coast in the Norfolk, Va., area. In January, **Amanda McLennan MacDonald** and **Matthew MacDonald** of Richmond welcomed twin girls, Evelyn and Harper, joining 4-year-old son Deacon. **Steve Charnoff** and **Katherine Fry Charnoff '00** welcomed son Samuel in November 2010. Steve still works for a law firm in Tysons Corner, and Katie takes care of Sam full time.

Ashley DeNegre of Piscataway, N.J., married Ryan in May 2009, with **Julie Spessard Ebersole** as matron of honor and **Cindy Rollo** in attendance. Ashley is a third-year doctoral student, studying evolutionary biology with a specialization in behavioral epidemiology at Rutgers. **Hien Truong** married Johnny Lyons in June at the Allan House in Austin, Texas, with **Julie McPhilomy** as maid of honor and **Supapan Kanti, Caritta Lee, Lindsey Morgan Grinnell '02**, and **Orrin Marcella '02** in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Greece and Turkey and lives in Chicago.

Laura Reilly Lewis continues to conduct background investigations part time. She and husband Sam of Fairfax, Va., welcomed daughter Reilly Cate in January. **Jimmy Rhodes** introduced **John Thibodeau** to Natasha Linn and traveled with Jim Archy to Germany, where he met up with **Alex Panek** to attend John and Natasha's wedding. Lots of good meat and beer! The Thibodeaus planned to host members of the Class of 1999 at an August reception in the U.S.

2000

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It's always nice to run into classmates, especially someone you might not have seen since graduation, and you never know where it might happen. Last summer I reconnected with **Christen Mansaniello Bensten** at our community pool, and it turns out she and husband **Brent Bentsen** live fewer than five minutes from me. Together they have children

Stephanie Lee Scheibe '01 is responsible for maintaining the Library of Congress digital content archive at the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center's Packard Campus.

Greta, 4, Fiona, 2, and Reid, 1. This spring I was able to meet up with friends **Lauren Rizzi Crawford, Mel Sirois, Liz Keaney Crimmins**, and **Susan Wolf**. All were doing well and living in the Washington, D.C./Maryland/Virginia area. Susan, who lives in Gainesville, Va., spent the summer competing in local shows with her horse, Fancy. The busy factor at my home is about to go up a notch, as my husband, **Chris Sicuranza '98**, and I are expecting our second child in February. Big sister-to-be Gabriela will turn 2 in January.

Jason Vickers splits his time between New York and L.A. He has worked for actress Renée Zellweger for almost five years and was gearing up for future projects. Jason went to Milan in May for work, then traveled to Brussels to visit his sister, a modern dancer at the Performing Arts Research and Training Studios school, then visited Paris. Jason keeps up his tennis game and, at the end of last year, threw a going-away party with Mary Washington classmates for **Kelley Gallagher Austen '99**, who was moving to Zimbabwe, Africa, with her husband and two children. In February, he enjoyed a get-together in New York with **Ryan Wellner, Kari Lee**, and other friends and planned to

travel to Washington, D.C., to visit **Jyoti Schlesinger**.

Henry B. Odom IV and **Michelle Joy Lambiasi Sutphin** created a UMW scholarship for first-generation college students, and they need your help. They were halfway to their goal of collecting \$20,000 by 2013. Donate at www.umw.edu/gift/make_a_gift. Click "giving options," then "give online," and type "Odom-Lambiasi Scholarship" in the "Other Gift Designation" field.

Susie Jackson Bull and husband Josh of New York City welcomed son Owen in May, and Susie quit her job to be home with Owen and big sister Penny, 4. **Eve Sledjeski** teaches psychology at New Jersey's Rowan University and continues home renovation projects. Son Lucius started kindergarten in the fall, and little sister Alice, 2, keeps everyone entertained. Eve attended the 2011 Eastern Psychological Association conference in Cambridge, Mass., where she met **Blake Mitchell** to sightsee and share a pint of beer. Blake continues to live outside Boston and work for the Army conducting human factors assessments of individual clothing and equipment, such as body armor, chem-bio protective equipment, electronics, tents, etc.

Ellen Perry Clark of Fairfax, Va., a meeting planner for a trade association in Ballston, married Josh Clark in November 2009, and they were expecting their first child, a girl, in September. Ellen's sister, **Suzanne Perry Wallis '03**, was matron of honor, and **Dax Terrill, Matt Hollerith, Emilie Marchese Gunn**, and **James Mirabello** attended.

Ryan Lynch, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., with wife Jennifer, is a senior policy adviser and advocate for a sustainable transportation and environmental nonprofit. **Olivia Synott Landry** and her husband own and operate Jordan Springs Market, a country store in Stephenson, Va., where they sell their own grass-fed beef and specialize in barbecue. Son Nolan will turn 2 in April.

Mariah Butler Vogelgesang had a college house roommate reunion in Newport, R.I., in June and moved to Avon Lake, Ohio, with her family the following month. **Kristin Degriff** of Orlando planned to compete in a Labor Day weekend half-marathon at Disneyland and volunteers in sports event management. **Rachel Silbaugh Norman** finished her first marathon this year and drove from New Jersey to Virginia to visit me last spring. She and husband Sean were expecting a baby boy in October, and daughter Lily will turn 3 in December. **Jackie Herr Kha**, a medical technician at a Pennsylvania hospital, and her husband, Noy, have a son, Bishop, 4, and a daughter, Felicity, 3.

Shawna Shepherd recently left CNN's White House unit to join the political unit covering the 2012 presidential race. She was to live in South Carolina for a few months and be an all-platform journalist, shooting, writing, and reporting on and off air. Shawna got married in October, and **Beth Summers '01** was in her bridal party. **Jim Reagan** received his doctorate in education from the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown, N.J., and is assistant principal at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. He and wife Nicole have son James III, 3.

Mark Rodeffer '01 has worked for C-SPAN in Washington, D.C., for five years and is producer of the network's morning show Washington Journal.

2001

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Martine St. Germain Barre of Beaufort, S.C., is a physical therapist and enjoys spending time with her husband and their 5-month-old son, Caden, and renovating their home. **Lauren Brennan** had baby boy, Keaton Carter, in April. She graduated from Rhode Island School of Design and displayed her final

photography project at the Wickford Art Association in June. Lauren also left her job at Brown to relocate with her family to Virginia so her husband could start a new job at Georgetown this fall.

Allyson Bristor is an associate planner for the City of Bozeman Department of Planning in southwest Montana, where she has worked for eight years; she was promoted to neighborhood coordinator in September 2010. She plans a summer wedding to Chris Brekke of Duluth, Minn., at a historic Bozeman mansion she helped preserve while serving as the city's historic preservation planner.

David Bristow and **Irene Schinkel Bristow '00** celebrate their 10th anniversary this year and, in August, expected their second child, a son, to join big sister Amelia. David received a Youth Minister of the Year award last year and a Coach of the Year award this year for taking the high school tennis team he coaches to regionals for the first time in its 20-year history. In April, **Erin Heslep Caldwell** and husband Jeremy of Charlotte, N.C., welcomed second daughter Anna Rose Caldwell, who joins big sister Lillian Virginia. Erin continues to work for the Friends of Barnabas Foundation, an international nonprofit providing healthcare for children and families in Honduras.

Lani Carnill had been a project accountant in the Washington, D.C., office of Gensler, a global design firm, for six years when she accepted a promotion that would take her back to her home state. She will be managing projects and developing training to support finance personnel at the company's San Francisco corporate headquarters. Lani expects to visit family and friends on the East Coast but can't wait to take advantage of San Francisco's vibrant food scene and outdoor activities and reconnect with childhood friends. In May, **Jessica Bergner DaSilva** and husband Arnaldo welcomed their first child, Lucas Arno, who weighed a whopping 12 pounds, 1 ounce. **Amanda Hedleston Dierling**, husband Jay, and children Michael, Daniel, Ian, and Mary Grace welcomed the newest member of the family in March;

Benjamin Wyatt was proudly named by his oldest brother after months of negotiations. Amanda

Arnaldo and Jessica Bergner DaSilva '01 welcomed Lucas Arno, who weighed just over a whopping 12 pounds.

is thrilled to own a home again in Rhome, Texas, and continues to enjoy being an at-home mom.

Robert Eidson planned to move to Miami in September to become SAP International's HR director for Latin America. **Becky Gibbons** was finishing her residency in internal medicine, preparing for a fellowship in pulmonary/critical care, and getting ready for her October wedding.

Karyn Havas was to defend her thesis for her Ph.D. in epidemiology at Colorado State University in August and move to the Baltimore area to continue work in the U.S. Army. **Beth Waters Hunley** loves her job as director of communications for Fredericksburg Academy, where son Jackson, 5, attends prekindergarten. She gets together yearly with fellow Ball Hall residents **Lesia Kindrat-Pratt**, **Rachel Sykes Meyers**, and **Helena Tenenholz '02**. Rachel and her husband welcomed their first child, Ashley Grace Meyers, in June.

On Valentine's Day 2011, **Jessica Johnson** welcomed Katherine "Kate" Ray Verrusio, who joined big brother Hale, 2. **Laura Indzeris Johnson** and **Tom Johnson '97** welcomed baby girl Charlotte Wyatt in November, moved from Georgia back to Virginia, and live in the Harrisonburg area. **Karol Kozak Lester** and husband David of Charlottesville, who both work at U.Va., welcomed Lila Grace in November 2010. **Madelyn Marino** continues her quest to run a half-marathon in all 50 states and competed this year both in the U.S. and abroad. Highlights so far include running and visiting **Annie Johnston**

in Raleigh, N.C., and **Richard Speakman** in Alaska. Madelyn was training to run in Reykjavik, Iceland, in August.

Sherri Trudeau Martin was to begin her fourth year as a teacher with Cherry Creek Online Learning Center, which is part of the Hope Online Learning Academy Co-op and under the direction of the Douglas County School District in Colorado. Son Andrew, an 18-year-old senior at Overland High School in Aurora, Colo., copes with the many challenges of Asperger syndrome, and will receive transition/life skill training after graduation in May. Sherri is proud to report that he has a 3.1 GPA and participated in the Aurora Youth 4 Success summer program for the second year in a row. The highlight of

LSU Health Sciences Center oral and maxillofacial surgery resident Garrett Seeba '03 plans to wed Tashia Bienvenu, a dental hygienist from Catahoula, La., in New Orleans' French Quarter in January.

the last year for Sherri's family was a two-week holiday cruise through the Panama Canal.

After working in Wilmington, N.C., for five years, **Nicole McIntyre** was moving to Shanghai, China, to teach fourth grade at an international school. **Angela Mills** earned a master's degree in public administration, graduating *summa cum laude* in May from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She was promoted to senior director of alumni chapters and outreach with the University of Tennessee's alumni association and was to co-chair the alumni affairs track for the Council for Advancement and Support

of Education District III conference in February.

Mark Rodeffer has worked for C-SPAN in Washington, D.C., for five years and is now producer of the network's morning show *Washington Journal*. **Natalie Dykstra Rutkowski** was

expecting her second child, a girl, joining big sister Sarah, in August, when Natalie and Stan were to celebrate their eighth anniversary. **Katherine Sanford** and husband Gregory moved to Chicago in fall 2010, and daughter Beatrice Eleanor was born in April. **Stephanie Lee Scheibe** married Danny Barb of Bealeton, Va., in June 2010 at the Orange County home they bought in 2009. Stephanie accepted a new position in September 2010 as a senior IT specialist responsible for maintaining the archive of digital content for the Library of Congress at the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center's Packard Campus in Culpeper.

In June, **Kristin Neviackas Towse** and husband Farley of Duxbury, Mass., welcomed their first child, Ella Marguerite. **Melissa Wilson** was appointed director of the Sandwich Historical Society in Sandwich, N.H., and is pursuing a Ph.D. in museum education at Capella University. **Michelle Carr Young** has worked at Forest Park Senior High School in Woodbridge, Va., for 11 years. She teaches journalism, ninth-grade English, and pre-AP English, and she is lead mentor in her building. Daughter Emileigh Marie turned 1 in July.

2002 Reunion Weekend

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Jennifer Occhiuzzi of New York City received a master's degree in school counseling from William Paterson University in May and planned to earn a master's in school curriculum within the next school year. Jennifer's best friend, **Stephanie Lofgren**

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Miller, visits often. Stephanie and husband Scott live in Park City, Utah, with son Thatcher, 1, and were expecting their second

son in October. **Mari Mick King** is married, has a 7-year-old son, lives in Wichita, Kan., and is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Okla. This year Marci traveled to Costa Rica, Mexico, Jamaica, Scotland, England, Cabo San Lucas, New Orleans, Orlando (with **Erin Merrill '04**), Las Vegas, Idaho, and Williamsburg.

2003

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Lauren C. Fiske earned a doctorate from the VCU School of Medicine in 2007, completed a four-year combined internal medicine-pediatrics residency there in June, and began a three-year infectious disease fellowship at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. **Amanda Tillman Shea** and husband Ryan moved to Johnson City, Tenn., in 2008, welcomed first son Liam James in September 2009, and were expecting their second son in November. Amanda continues to photograph children and weddings; Ryan plans to graduate from medical school in May.

Stefani Moore Miller married Bryan Miller in Raleigh, N.C., in May. **Matt Korniotes** moved from Fredericksburg to Denver with wife April; sons Brantley, 12, and Lincoln, 1; and daughter Madison, 4, in September 2010 to start a church. In March, Calvary Fellowship of Cherry Creek opened its doors and Matt said the church is doing great. Matt also continues to work for Raytheon in Aurora, Colo. In March, **Jocelyn McNeill Campbell** welcomed her second child, Corvin Reed, joining brother Pace Lyon, who is 16 months older. Jocelyn will be an at-home mom for a while.

Andrew Cox '09 is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Miami, interning at the Billfish Foundation in Fort Lauderdale, and studying the socioeconomic benefits of the billfish fishing industry in the Gulf of Mexico.

Akash Sinha, who earned a master's degree in English literature from U.Va. in 2005, is managing editor of the newsroom at SNL Financial, a company that employs about 1,500 people and that provides information on financial, energy,

real estate, and media sectors around the world. Akash recently bought a house in Charlottesville with his partner, Nicole LaRocque. **Maribeth Bendl Mills** and **Garth Mills** welcomed their first child, Grayson Alexander, in October 2010. **Erin Clapp** and husband Ricky are stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., and enjoy life with their two boys, Cillian and Patrick.

Clare Denk moved to Los Angeles after graduation to enroll in UCLA's master's program in moving image archives studies – film preservation. She worked for several years at Getty Research Institute's special collections department before landing her dream job in 2009 as a cataloger in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' special collections department, where she has catalogued the papers of Hedda Hopper, Edith Head, and Paul Henreid. **Laura Kassner** finished doctoral coursework and began a year of research and dissertation toward a doctorate in educational leadership through Virginia Tech. She and her husband were expecting their first child, a son, in October and were loving their new home in the woods of western Goochland County, between Richmond and Charlottesville.

Michael Nissim-Sabat of Morgantown, W.Va., married Brooke Baker in Lewisburg in June and is in his second year at West Virginia University College of Law. **Garett Seeba** finished dental school at the Medical College of Georgia in 2009 and is in a six-year integrated MD residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at LSU Health Sciences Center. He plans to graduate from the LSU School

of Medicine in New Orleans in May and complete his residency in 2015. Garett is engaged to be married in January in the French Quarter of New Orleans to Tashia Bienvenu, a dental hygienist from Catahoula, La.

Mary Schmotzer moved back to Williamsburg to work in development at the College of William & Mary. She enjoys photographing the Hampton Roads region, dancing, and spending time with her boyfriend. **Sarah Sedaghatfar Little** and husband Jason of Brooklyn, N.Y., welcomed their first child, Dylan James, in June. **Shauna Mahony Pick** married Austin Pick in October 2010, works for an options trading firm in downtown Chicago, is a licensed massage therapist, and enjoys practicing meditation.

Christine O'Leary and Jacob Speicher of Huntington, Ind., both veterinarians, were married in East Northport, N.Y., in August. **Kristin Bombard** and **Carol Ward** were bridesmaids. **Jamie Test** and **Meghan Twomey Test '02** welcomed their first child, Malorie Murphy, in July.

2004

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Morgan Taylor and Jeremy Shane Horn of Richmond were married in May. **Abbey Wineland**, **Emily Mathison**, and **Sharon Curd** were bridesmaids, and **Jameson Cowan '05** and **Lindsey Forbush** helped with the wedding. Morgan is a registered nurse in the progressive care unit at Memorial Regional Medical Center in Mechanicsville, Va. **Matt Johnston** of Stamford, Conn., is a product manager for Rusk professional hair products and appliances. **Linda Fairall** and **Neil Stedman** of Old Town Alexandria are engaged to be

married in September in Carova Beach on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Linda is a bridal consultant at Hannelore's of Olde Town Alexandria, and Neil is a realtor with Keller Williams Realty, specializing in Alexandria and Arlington real estate.

Adrienne Hagen is pursuing a master's degree in classics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. **Katie Kelley** and **Matt Kirk '05** of Washington, D.C., were married in Aurora, Ohio, in July; **Mary McCarthy** was maid of honor. **Colin Jones** was promoted to captain while deployed with the Black Sea Rotational Force, a unit that provides training and humanitarian aid to several Eastern European countries. **Katie Decker** received a master's degree in healthcare administration from Seton Hall University in May.

2007 Reunion Weekend

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First-time parents **Susan Anderson** Alexander and Timothy Anderson, brother of **Chris Anderson**, welcomed identical twin girls Audrey Victoria and Blair Morgan in May.

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Kenny Barnes married **Kristin Caufield** in Richmond in July. **Marla Maceyko** of Culpeper, Va., a third-grade teacher, married Xavier Quinn in Elizabethtown, Pa. Xavier, who finished his first enlistment in the Marine Corps, is an engineering student. **Cary Lincoln '08** of Fredericksburg married **Chrissie Woolsey** in

July in Chesapeake, Va. **Kat Carter**, who was finishing nursing school, and **Jack Esworthy** were to be married in Richmond in August. Kelley Hueber, who is on track to receive a bachelor's degree in nursing, became engaged to Ben Smith.

Pete Lytle moved back to the East Coast and is in Georgetown University's sports industry management program. **Andrew Cox** is finishing a master's degree at the University of Miami, interning at the Billfish Foundation in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and studying the socioeconomic benefits of the billfish fishing industry in the Gulf of Mexico. **Samantha Ludwig** works in Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Department of State for the Foreign Service. **Brittany Cooney** is a staffing supervisor for Kelly Services in northeast Philadelphia. **Molly McCluskey** teaches English literature, health and wellness, and theater arts in mainland China at the first school there to offer an Americanized diploma.

2010

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Dear classmates, we are happy to report some fun news from our class, as we have now reached one year past graduation! Send news to Kelly or Michelle at the above addresses.

Jay Murphy and **Tara O'Toole** plan a fall 2012 wedding. **Michelle Bond** was to start work as a kindergarten teacher at McKinley Elementary School in Arlington, Va., in August.

2011

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Samantha Daniel was moving to Harrisburg, Pa., where she was to coach lacrosse, substitute teach, and work on starting a non-profit organization aimed at purchasing birth certificates to enable children in Cameroon,

Central Africa, to go to high school. **Andrew Snyder Beattie** was to start the applied mathematics graduate program at North Carolina State University. **Colin Chorpenning** planned to move to Baltimore to start government intelligence work. **Katherine Howland** plans to attend graduate school and teach English abroad.

After living in Los Angeles, **Sam Crouse** plans to attend graduate school in London. **Ginny Ferrell** was excited about a potential move to Houston for an awesome job. **Hannah Hopkins** was to intern with Leaders' Quest in London. **Terrell Taylor** planned to pursue a master's degree in English at Georgetown University. **Charles Reed Jr.** plans to work for a few years in the corporate world before pursuing an MBA. **Danielle Rosenberg** planned to move to New York City in October to pursue a career in wine, beginning by working with a group that organizes in-store and in-bar wine tastings.

IN MEMORIAM

Nell Blanks Paine '35
Dorothy Ball Eason '37
Elizabeth Haley Glass '37
Rosanna Hunt White '38
Louise Harris Massie '39
Hazel DeShield Wilhoite '40
Elva Reynolds Elgar '41
Anne Stokes Meador '41
Carol Faulconer Myers '41
Jean Whitley Raney '41
Sarah Jane Cornwell Spires '41
Marjorie Louise Owen Amidon '42
Ruth Alexander Greene '42
Beatrice Irene Draper Atkinson '43
Margaret Whittington Schofield '43
Penelope Critzos Stokes '43
Catherine Newberry Trevillian '43
Virginia Shanklin Carter '44
Patricia Morris DuBois '44
Marilynn Price Heady '44
Virginia "Ginger" Sherlock Kelley '44
Elizabeth Griggs Lampman '45
Dorothea "Thea" Lonas Dick '46
Elsie Brauer Lee '46
Barbara Hisey Trevett '46
Sara Elizabeth Wagner Adkerson '47
Anne Jeanette Padgett Sanderson '48
Geraldine "Jerry" D. White '48
Elizabeth Forsyth Somers '49
Shirley Tison Ward '49
Barbara Malone Crookshanks '50
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Mary Louise Kirkendall Feeney '51
Rebecca Coates Weakley '52
Lloyd Wilbur "Billy" Wilson '52
Ann Rice Fadeley '53
Ellena Marie "Sally" Armistead '54
Kathryn "Kae" Engquist Brown '55
Phyllis Kyle Stephenson '55
Isabella Phillips DeJohn '57
Barbara Thompson Patterson '58
Mildred Jean Cole Shumate '58
Patricia "Patti" Yearout Wharton '58
Patricia Ann Whittaker Hanscom '60
Nancy Elizabeth Cundiff Moir '60
Joyce Panciera Pippo '60
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Helen Elizabeth Ambler Wambersie Monroe '64
Martha A. Mitchell '65
Pattie Tuggle Miller '66
Mary Lee Rowe Rosenfeld '66
Nelson Ann "Puck" Puckett Snidow '68
Virginia Crow Acors '72
Frances Guthrie Flynn '72
Christie Jaeger Thomas '72
Mary "Sally" Darden Camp '73
Sandra Chisholm DeYonge '74
Henry Jackson "Jack" Dunn III '74
Charlotte Clare Snyder '81
Erica Marie Simmons Williams '81
Linda Joy Mader Boehm '98
Ruth Bancroft Grimsley '98
Lawrence Mark Bareford '08

CONDOLENCES

Ruby Lee Norris '36, who lost her sister and her grandson
Barbara Westerman Newlon '49, who lost her brother
Constance Critzos Stokes '49, who lost her sister
Peggy Wood Wright '56, who lost her husband
Gayle Chandler Campbell '57, who lost her husband
Joanna Taylor Higinbotham '57, who lost her husband
Cynthia West Benney '58, who lost her husband
Janet Kaye Garriss Lewis '60, who lost her husband
Iris Hall Newton '60, who lost her husband
Rebecca Louise Dunn Fuqua '62, who lost her mother
Linda John Boudman '64, who lost her father
Lynn Smithey Campbell '66, who lost her husband
Sandra Hoybach Hutchison Schanné '66, who lost her mother
Toni Turner Bruseth '69, who lost her father
Carolyn Kreiter Gomez-Foronda '69, who lost her brother
Christopher "Christie" Ruth Wineholt '69, who lost her son
Mary J. Byrnes '75, who lost her mother
Lynn Eastwood Rigelman '75, who lost her husband
Diane Christopher Bridge '80, who lost her mother
Nancy A. Kaiser '82, who lost her father
James S. Miller '84, who lost his father
Melissa Czarnecki '93, who lost her mother
Anne Dressler Fox '93, who lost her father
Ann Barbour Wambersie Strange '08, who lost her mother

Memorial Gifts

In the last year, gifts have been made to the University of Mary Washington in memory of these beloved members of the community who have passed on.

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CLOSING COLUMN

Even History Changes

By Leonard Ornstein '94

I had my first “full circle” moment as a history teacher in the 1990s at the Museum of Natural History. I was with my students from Gompers High School in the Bronx on a field trip. We passed a painting showing explorer Richard Burton sneaking into Mecca on a hajj, and a student asked me what the painting was. I nearly cried. On a sixth-grade field trip to the museum, I had asked the same question of my teacher.

I had another full-circle moment in Richmond this year at the workshop “The South in American History,” sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Back in the 1990s, I was majoring in history at then-Mary Washington College. The make-or-break class for history students was History 299, a course on how to research and write. I decided to write on Gen. George H. Thomas – a Union general and Virginia native.

I was in Virginia, ground zero for the Civil War. I was in Fredericksburg, home to four major Civil War battlefields. It was the era of the Ken Burns Civil War documentary, which resulted in a surge in the popularity of studying the conflict. This should have been an easy paper to write. That was not to be the case.

Thomas was not into self-promotion, and there were few books about him. Simpson Library owned a couple, but they were ancient. The bigger problem in researching him, though, was that in Virginia it was as if George H. Thomas had never existed. He was a Virginian who not only fought for the Union, but who had destroyed a Confederate Army. One of the North’s best commanders was a Southerner.

In Virginia, George H. Thomas was *persona non grata*. His own family turned his portrait to the wall, burned his letters, and never spoke to him again. I tried to do the man justice in my paper. Over time, I kept hoping someone would write his biography or that the Commonwealth would recognize his achievements. I understood why Robert E. Lee’s story of renouncing the Union was important to the history of the American South. I did not understand why George H. Thomas’ story of remaining faithful to the Union was not.

After graduation, I returned to New York, to teach, and I developed an intense interest in Asian studies. My career took me to Arizona, so I no longer visited the South. The OK Corral and Confucius replaced Chickamauga and Thomas.

Fast forward to 2011. After nearly eight years away from Virginia and study of the Civil War, the Gilder Lehrman Institute selected me for the June workshop at the University of Richmond. It was a chance to grow as an educator, see old

Mary Washington friends, and even return to campus. I thought of George H. Thomas, and I wondered how History of the South might have changed in the 20 years since I took Professor William B. Crawley’s course.

I learned how the teaching of the Civil War has changed. The Civil War is not just the two voices – North and South. Today, the Civil War is about Union and Confederate and just as much about freedom and emancipation.

We visited Cold Harbor Battlefield, where interpreters told us how the script for the exhibits was different than it would have been 15 years earlier and included more perspectives. We visited the American Civil War Center, where director Christy Coleman told how the center gave three viewpoints: North, South, and African-American.

We didn’t visit only battlefields. We visited the Shelton house and got the civilian perspective. We visited a slave graveyard and got the African-American perspective.

After witnessing this major paradigm shift in the teaching and presentation of the American Civil War, I wondered if George H. Thomas was part of the change. I completed an assigned reading on Robert E. Lee that made a direct comparison between Lee’s action and that of Thomas. I had hope.

At the end of a whirlwind day studying the Civil War, we stopped at the Virginia Historical Society to see the exhibit *An American Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia*. I told the society’s director I had studied history at Mary Washington and had written a paper on George H. Thomas. With all the changes in how Virginia remembers the Civil War, I asked him, would Gen. Thomas finally get his due?

He asked me to follow him into the exhibit. There, in a display case, was the sword of Union Gen. George Henry Thomas, Virginian, the Rock of Chickamauga. I nearly cried. The circle was complete. ■



Leonard Ornstein '94

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Just Plain Brilliant

If you've walked College Avenue in autumn, chances are you've seen these maples don their fall finery. At the University of Mary Washington, days grow short, there's a chill in the air, and exams are just around the corner when the leaves dance their colors against the blue sky. When they swirl to the ground to make way for winter, it's nearly time for the semester to end. The campus grows quiet, waiting for it all to happen again.